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Cabinet Reshuffle Expected Today

PANT AND MAHATAB TO BE TAKEN ON

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

NEW DELHI. MAY 3

PRIME MINISTER NEHRU, IT IS REPORTED, BADE GOOD-BYE TO HIS COLLEAGUES AT THIS MORNING'S CABINET MEETING, SAYING THAT IT WAS ITS LAST MEETING. THE OBVIOUS CONCLUSION THAT MAY BE DRAWN IS THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAS DECIDED TO FORM A NEW CABINET.

According to reports available, Pandit Nehru will discuss the personnel of the new Cabinet with the Deputy Prime Minister, Sardar Patel, tomorrow.

A number of changes are en visaged. As already indicated, Mr. C. C. Biswas will become the Minister for Bengal Affairs. Orissa's Chief Minister Mr. Harekrishna Mahatab and U.P. Chief Minister Govind Ballabh Pant are expected to join the Central Cabinet.

There may be some optings out from the existing team. The Prime Minister is expected to discuss the final list of his team with the President tomorrow.

THE GOLDEN CURTAIN

KARACHI, May 3 (UPI).

THE Red Dean of Canterbury, Dr. Hewlett Johnson, flying back from the peace conference in Australia to Canada by BOAC tonight, coined a new phrase in opposition to "Iron Curtain". He said that the American Government did not give him a transit visa to fly direct from Sydney to Canada, and he was thus refused permission, as he put it, to pass through the "Golden Curtain".

The Dean told pressmen at the Karachi airport that he thought the Nehru-Liaquat agreement a wise step. He said the peace conference in Australia was a real success. He was critical of the move by the Australian Government to ban the Communist Party and said it had caused resentment among the working people.

Dr. Johnson condemned racial discrimination and criticised the British Government's objection to the marriage of Seretse Khama to Ruth Williams. The Dean, who toured the USSR last autumn, said Russia had made the most spectacular post-war recovery.

Grow More Food

BOMBAY HAS BIG PLANS

BOMBAY, Wednesday

THE Government of Bombay has made a provision of about Rs. 2 crores to be spent this year on the various "grow more food" schemes undertaken by them.

Disclosing this to the United Press of India today, Mr. M. P. Patil, Minister for Agriculture, said that Government's target for the current year was to produce an additional 1,40,000 tons of foodgrains. About 1,50,000 acres of waste land had been brought under cultivation which would yield an additional 15,000 tons foodgrains, he stated.

He added that 50 per cent of the expenditure incurred on this would be borne by the Government of India.

Government had spent Rs. two and half crores last year on the grow more food schemes and produced 50,000 tons of foodgrains over and above the production of 1948-49, he said.

The Minister added that of the total requirement of 15 lakh tons in the State, Government expected to purchase about 6 lakh tons from producers while the balance of nine lakh tons would remain the State's deficit.

In conclusion, he declared that intensified efforts were being made by Government to step up the production of foodgrains as far as possible "so as to make our country self-sufficient by the March 1952"

NANDA'S ACTIVITIES

Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda, Vice-Chairman of the Planning Commission, met the Ministers and officials of the Bombay Government at the Secretariat today and discussed with them problems relating to grow more food and grow more cotton.

Mr. M. P. Patil told United Press of India today that Government was considering the import of big tractors from the USA for the eradication of hariyali (weeds).

The United States Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, said today that the United States recognised Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, Prime Minister of Pakistan, one of the most important figures in Asia today.

CHARGES NOT TO BE DROPPED

Prakasam's Denial

NEW DELHI, May 3 (UPI): Mr. T. Prakasam, former Premier of Madras, in a statement to the press has contradicted the reports that he has agreed to withdraw the charges against certain Madras ministers and demand for separate seats in the Legislature.

He says: According to some reports appearing in the press, it is stated that I have agreed to withdraw all the charges against Madras Ministers and also give up my demand for separate seats in the Legislature. I was not committed to any such statement. If it were so, it would have been clearly mentioned in the resolution".

He adds: "Such reports, I think, have been made out of ignorance of the background of the language used in the resolution..... Reports or comments like the above are likely to interfere with the efforts that we were asked to make for bringing about a united front in Andhra Desa".

(Earlier News on Page 8)

CONSTITUTION ON PARCHMENT

Will Last 1,000 Years

NEW DELHI, May 3 (PTI): The President Dr. Rajendra Prasad today received a beautifully finished handwritten copy of the Indian Constitution from Mr. Prem Behari Narain Raizada, a Rampur calligraphist.

Completed in five months, the 251-page calligraphed copy is of 17 x 22 inches parchment sheets, which are supposed to last a thousand years. The sheets have been artistically bordered.

Mr. Raizada began work on the copy last November at the request of the Constituent Assembly.

And Now There Are Three

LUDHIANA, May 3 (PTI): Eight young men arrived here yesterday on cycles from Surat on their way to Kashmir to serve in the Kashmir Congress Seva Dal. They had resolved to pedal their way to Kashmir. Five of them, however, have given up cycling. Only three will now cycle to Kashmir.

Congress Rout

SHOLAPUR, May 3 (PTI): All Congress candidates, who contested the elections for the village panchayat of Angar village in Mohol taluka, Sholapur district, were defeated, according to reports reaching here tonight.

These reports added that the Workers' and Peasants' Party had captured all the 13 seats.

LADY NYE LEAVES FOR U. K.

Lady Nye, wife of the U.K. High Commissioner in India, and Mrs. Indira Gandhi, daughter of the Prime Minister, photographed at Palam Airport (Delhi) just before the former departed for the U.K. on Sunday by a B.O.A.C. 'plane. Lady Nye was seen off, among others by the Canadian High Commissioner in India (right) who also presented her with a bouquet.

TRUMAN RECEIVES LIAQUAT ALI

Warm Welcome At Airport

WASHINGTON, May 3. (PTI-Reuter).

MR. Liaquat Ali Khan, Pakistan's Prime Minister, on arrival in Washington by air from London today said he had brought for President Truman and "the great American nation" the most friendly greetings of 80,000,000 men and women of Pakistan.

Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan was replying to an address of welcome by President Truman who received the Pakistan Prime Minister with full military honours at Washington airport.

President Truman said he was aware of "the deep historical import" of their meeting.

The Pakistan Prime Minister and Begum Liaquat Ali Khan arrived in American capital at the invitation of President Truman, to begin a three-week visit to the United States.

President Truman in his welcome speech said: "Mr. Prime Minister, Begum Sahiba, with a deep sense of the historical import of this occasion, and with the greatest personal pleasure, I am happy to welcome you both to the United States.

HOSPITALITY

"Mrs. Truman and I, and Americans throughout our country, have been looking forward to your arrival. We are glad you have found it posible to do us the honour of visiting us, and are thankful that you have been granted a safe journey.

"The many Americans who have had the privilege of visiting Pakistan are unanimous in their praise of your heart warming hospitality.

"I hope that while you are in the United States you will feel as much at home as Americans do when they visit your great country. It is likewise my sincere hope that in the course of your stay you will find that Americans and Pakistanis have much in common.

"Knowing that the number of invitions from Americans wishing to extend hospitality has far exceeded the number which your sojourn in the United States will permit you to accept, I wish at this time to extend a warm and heartfelt welcome on behalf of all the American people".

GREETINGS

Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan said that his wife and he were deeply grateful to the President for his warm and generous welcome.

"In extending your traditional hospitality to us, you and the people of United States of America have done great honour to us and to our country.

"I bring you and the great American nation the most friendly greetings of 80 million men and women of Pakistan.

"Although we come from a distant country in the heart of Asia, and this is my first visit to your land, the American people are not strangers to us.

"We have known them as educators and as men and women engaged on missions of peace. We have known them as soldiers who fought for freedom in our plains, our hills and our jungles.

"And again since the birth of Pakistan we have known them as messengers of your goodwill.

"I know that my wife and I will be very happy here and that we shall carry back to our people memories not only of the greatness of your purposes but also of the greatness of your hearts.

"May God who has brought us safely across to your shores bless our hosts and their homes".

Mischief In Railway Yard; Fire Opened

CALCUTTA, May 3, (PTI): One person was injured when the Watch and Ward Police opened fire on some alleged miscreants at the Shalimar railway yard off Howrah last night.

On being challenged by the police the men, it is stated, started hurling ballast stones at the police party who then opened fire.

The police suspect that the miscreants were attempting to remove tea-chests from inside the wagons lying in the yard. Several persons were arrested.

Mr. Yusuf Haroon, Sind Premier, has been appointed Pakistan's first High Commissioner in Australia.

India Asks South Africa For Clarification

NEW DELHI, May 3, (PTI).

THE Government of India are understood to have addressed the South African Union Government seeking clarifications in regard to implications of the Group Areas Reservation Bill which has been introduced in the Union Parliament.

Various representations are said to have been received from South African Indians on the Bill.

Official circles here state that the Bill in effect will add to the disabilities from which Indians in South Africa are already suffering.

The Government of India are in correspondence with the Union Government also on the question of the venue and date of the Round Table Conference between South Africa, India and Pakistan as well as the implications of the new Bill. The South African Union Government's reply to the recent communication from India is still awaited

"THIS IS OUR HOME"

NAGPUR, May 3 (UPI): "We are in no mood to be treated as mere trifles. We are part and parcel of South Africa where we have built our homes by sweat and tears. This is our home and we must have a just and fair chance to help shape its destiny and steer it to economic and political prosperity", observed Mr. Mohanlal R. Paresh, Honorary Treasurer of the South African Indian Organisation, Durban (Natal), addressing a press conference here this evening.

He said: "We demand a fair and just share in the government of South Africa. We must have a say in the affairs of the country, that are so vital to our peace, happiness and goodwill between races. The policy of Apartheid and repatriation which has been advanced by the South African Government as a solution to the Indian question has been rejected by the Indian people. Over ninety per cent of the Indians in South Africa are born there and as such are citizens of South Africa to whom repatriation would never be acceptable".

Arrests In Macassar

DJAKARTA, May 3.

Prime Minister Dr. Diapari of East Indonesia and some of his Ministers were arrested in Macassar today on suspicion of complicity in the revolt there against the Indonesian Federal Government last month, according to the Indonesian news agency, Antara.

MR. LIE ON MISSION TO MOSCOW

New & Great Effort To End The Cold War

PARIS, MAY 3. (PTI-REUTER).

UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL TRYGVE LIE ANNOUNCED HERE TODAY THAT HE IS GOING TO MOSCOW NEXT WEDNESDAY AND HOPES TO SEE PREMIER STALIN ABOUT "A NEW AND GREAT EFFORT" TO END THE COLD WAR.

He wanted to discuss a plan for periodic meetings of the Security Council in the Big Four capitals to give leaders of states a chance of "friendly and confidential" talks.

Increased world tension was making the United Nations unworkable, he said. The first step must be to restore the organisation as a world platform for negotiation and conciliation.

Asked about Chinese representation in the United Nations, Mr. Lie said: "My talks with the leaders of Governments must always be confidential. But it should not be necessary to hide the fact that two questions are in the picture: Empty seats at the United Nations and the Chinese representation question.

"When we talk about the international situation these two questions have been discussed. The situation is unchanged. No Government has committed itself in any respect; no promises have been given."

MORE TENSE

Mr. Lie said the overall situation this year was "much more tense". He said he hoped to discuss further a proposal he first made in Washington in March that the Security Council should meet periodically in the Big Four capitals and that such meetings there would be an opportunity for the members to meet heads of states and Prime Ministers.

"I think such meetings would be very helpful." He said. "They would give leaders of states a chance to have more quiet, confidential and friendly talks and meet more often than is technically possible in New York."

Three former Presidents of the United Nations, including Dr. Herbert Evatt of Australia and General Carlos Romulo of the Philippines, had said they supported the proposal. It was one of the items on the agenda of his present trip.

These Women!

SECUNDERABAD, May 3 (UPI).

ACTIVITIES of certain women of Hyderabad who have been tampering with the course of administration have been reported to appropriate authorities. As members of the fair sex, they have access to Government offices; and once they are free with officials, they talk business.

These women are engaged by people who are in trouble, who want jobs, etc. and they charge handsome fees.

One of these women, who is a wife of a former Mysore official, is known as the Mata Hari of Hyderabad. Her income exceeds Rs. 5,000 a month, it is stated.

It is believed suitable action is being taken to stop the nefarious activities of these women.

BRITISH MINISTERS TO VISIT MALAYA

LONDON, May 3 (PTI-Reuter).

British War Minister John Strachey and Colonial Secretary James Griffiths will visit Malaya this month to see British troops there in action against the Communist-led guerillas.

Mr. Griffiths, announcing this in Parliament here today, said the visit was also to give the security forces and their leader evidence of the Government's determination to "carry through their task in Malaya."

"We hope to arrive in Singapore about May 24," Mr. Griffiths added.

Mr. Strachey, without the Colonial Secretary, will also go to Hong Kong to spend a few days there with the British garrison.

The Malayan guerilla force reckoned never stronger than 5,000 pinned down for nearly two years 14,000 British troops, 73,000 regular and auxiliary police and six Royal Air Force squadrons.

Enquiry Into Sugar Muddle Ordered

NEW DELHI, May 3. (PTI).

THE Government of India have decided to appoint a retired High Court Judge to enquire into matters relating to the 'sugar muddle' that were raised in Parliament during the last session, it is reliably learnt.

The suggestions made by the Tariff Board in respect of the sugar situation will also be gone into by him. The name of Rai Bahadur Ganganath, a retired High Court Judge of Allahabad, is being mentioned in this connection.

Mr. Rajagopalachari

NEW DELHI, May 3 (PTI): Mr C. Rajagopalachari will leave for Madras by air on Thursday night.

PWD Have Some Fun

SHILLONG, May 2 (UPI).

"WHAT others think of us—P W D" was the caption of a poster prominently displaced in the hall when the 9th annual session of the Assam Sub-Ordinate Engineering Service Association was held on April 30.

The poster described the P W D as "others think" about it: (1) Public Waste Department, (2) Perfectly Worthless Department, (3) Pause Wait Department, (4) Paper Work Department, (5) Pious Wish Department, (6) Power Wasting Department, (7) Public Worries Department and (8) Posterity Welfare Department.

ANOTHER MEMORABLE DAY FOR SPORT IN INDIA

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PUBLIC NOTICES

BY COLLECTOR OF BOMBAY

Auction of Building Site in Southern Section of Block II, Back Bay Reclamation

1. The Collector of Bombay will auction the lease for 99 years of Plot No. 181 in Southern Section of Block II, Back Bay Reclamation, admeasuring about 2,139 sq. yds. on the 10th May 1950, at 12 Noon, at Old Custom House, Fort, Bombay.
2. The individual bidder (or Co-operative Housing Society) must deposit with Collector a sum of Rs. 1,21,000/- calculated at the approximate rate of Rs. 225/- the upset price fixed for this plot, in cash or Government Securities before 3 p.m., on 9-5-1950. The deposit will be forfeited if the successful bidder withdraws his offer or fails to pay the difference of the amount equivalent to the five years' ground rent within a week of his being declared the highest bidder.
3. In the case of Co-operative Housing Society, the flat not required by genuine members, in the case of individual bidders, flats not required by members of his family and in the case of firms flats not required by their partners, shall be placed at Government's disposal at reasonable rent to be fixed by Government and such flats will be leased by the Society to others only if Government refuses to take them up, or does not definitely accept or refuse the offer in writing within one month from the date of offer.
4. The Collector is not bound to accept the highest or any bid; and acceptance of a bid by him is subject to the sanction of Government.
5. The terms and conditions of the lease and the plan can be obtained from the Superintendent, Bombay City Survey, Old Custom House, for Rs. 2-8-0.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

THE VISHNU COTTON MILL LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 9, Wallace Street, Fort, on FRIDAY, 2nd June, at 4 p. m. (Standard Time) for the purpose of transacting the following business:

(1) To adopt the Directors' Report and the Audited Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1949.
(2) To sanction the declaration of a dividend.
(3) To confirm the appointments of Mr. C. M. Khatau, Mr. R. S. Drake and Mr. A. E. Blair as Directors.
(4) To elect Directors in place of Sir Chunilal V. Mehta, K. C. S. I., and Mr. C. M. Khatau who retire by rotation but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.
(5) To appoint Auditors for the current year and to fix their remuneration.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 18th May to 3rd June, 1950, both days inclusive.

By Order of the
Board of Directors
of The Vishnu Cotton Mill Ltd.,
For the Bombay Company, Limited.
L. F. H. GOODWIN,
Managing Director.

Secretaries, Treasurers & Agents.
Bombay, 29th April, 1950.

N. B. — Shareholders are requested to notify to the Company any change of address, failing which, their dividend warrants will be posted to the addresses as registered with the Company. (7724)

THE LAKHSHMI COTTON MANUFACTURING COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 9, Wallace Street, Fort, on TUESDAY, 30th May, at 4 p. m. (Standard Time) for the purpose of transacting the following business:

(1) To adopt the Director's Report and the Audited Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1949.
(2) To sanction the declaration of a dividend.
(3) To confirm the appointments of Mr. R. E. Forrester and Sir Vithal N. Chandavarkar, as Directors.
(4) To elect Directors in place of Sir Chunilal V. Mehta K. C. S. I., and Mr. D. M. Khatau who retire by rotation but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.
(5) To appoint Auditors for the current year and to fix their remuneration.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 18th May to 2nd June, 1950, both days inclusive.

By Order of the
Board of Directors,
of The Lakhshmi Cotton Mfg. Co. Ltd.,
For the Bombay Company, Limited.
L. F. H. GOODWIN
Managing Director.

Secretaries, Treasurers & Agents.
Bombay: 29th April, 1950.

N.B.— Shareholders are requested to notify to the Company any change of address, failing which, their dividend warrants will be posted to the addresses as registered with the Company. (7722)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE
IMPORT TRADE CONTROL

New Delhi, dated the 1st May, 1950

PUBLIC NOTICE.

Sub: Curtailment of correspondence relating to applications for Import Licences for July-December 1949.

No. 1-ITC(P.N.)/50.

IT HAS BEEN NOTICED that in spite of final decisions having been communicated to the parties concerned, representations are still being received against such decisions in respect of applications made for the licensing period July-December 1949.

2. Such representations cannot ordinarily be expected at this stage to add any new point to those which may already have been presented since the application was first made. On the other hand, consideration of such correspondence can only have the effect of diverting the attention of the licensing staff from the current licensing work, with consequent delay in the issue of licences for the current period.

3. It has therefore been decided that no further correspondence of this nature will be entertained unless it takes the form of a reply to a specific enquiry made by the Chief Controller of Imports, or by one of his Officers, and is received by the 15th May, 1950, or within fifteen days of the issue of the enquiry, whichever is later. The decision will also apply to correspondence of the above nature already received since 15th April, 1950, and no such correspondence will be attended to, unless it forms a reply to a specific enquiry made by one of the Officers of the Import Trade Control.

R. J. PRINGLE
Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India. (7728)

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE LAKHSHMI COTTON MANUFACTURING CO. LTD.

THE DIRECTORS have decided to recommend to Shareholders the declaration of a final dividend of Rs. 25/- per Ordinary Share (making Rs. 37/8/- for the year) at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 30th May, 1950. (7721)

THE VISHNU COTTON MILL LIMITED.

THE DIRECTORS have decided to recommend to Shareholders the declaration of a final dividend of Rs. 6/- per Ordinary Share (making Rs. 10/- for the year) at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 2nd June, 1950. (7723)

BOMBAY PORT TRUST DOCKS

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DOCKS MANAGER.
Ballard Road, BOMBAY 1.
3rd May, 1950. (7729)

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that share certificates Nos. P. 25409/25411 for 15 Part Paid shares Nos. 94089/94103 in the Imperial Bank of India (Bombay Register) originally issued in the name of the Bank of India Ltd., and last endorsed in the name of the undersigned have been LOST or MISLAID. Due notice thereof has been given to the Bank and all persons are warned against dealing with the share certificates in any way.

DINBAI JAMSHEDJI TAVADIA.
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(1801)

BOMBAY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

APPLICATIONS are invited BEFORE 5-6-1950 FOR 100 POSTS OF TYPISTS. 20 posts reserved for displaced non-Muslims from Pakistan settled in Bombay, if available. QUALIFICATIONS:— (1) Secondary School Certificate examination of the Government of Bombay or equivalent qualification; (2) ability to type at speed of 40 words per minute. Candidates who have qualified for admission to the final class or standard in a High School and who were serving in the Secretariat Departments and allied offices or Civil Supplies Department and offices under it in Greater Bombay on 1-3-1950 also eligible. Pay:— Rs. 75-220 PLUS dearness allowance PLUS Rs. 15/- per mensem special pay for those who have passed Secondary School Certificate or equivalent examination. AGE: Not more than 25 years (28 years in the case of Backward and Intermediate Classes including Muslims) on 31-12-1950. Age limit not applicable to those already serving in Secretariat Departments and allied of fices or Civil Supplies Department and offices under it in Greater Bombay if they were within age limit at time of appointment. Fee of Rs. 5/- payable with application. Application form supplied on receipt of large addressed envelope with four annas postage stamps and CROSSED Indian Postal Order for eight annas payable to "Secretary, Bombay Public Service Commission, Bombay 1", who will supply full details on request. Persons registered with Employment Exchanges can obtain form on application IN PERSON at Exchange Office. (7720)

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONTROLLER OF IMPORTS

New Delhi, the 1st May, 1950

PUBLIC NOTICE

No. 2-ITC(P.N.)/50.

THE PUBLIC are hereby informed that the temporary stoppage of interviews with Officers of the Chief Controller of Imports, Organization at New Delhi, during the month of April, 1950, has now been extended to the 31st May, 1950.

2. This decision has been taken in order to facilitate the disposal of the small balance of applications still pending in relation to the O.G.L. Concessional Scheme and to the July-December, 1949 Licensing Period, and also to facilitate an expeditious disposal of applications received against the current Licensing Period January-June, 1950.

R. J. PRINGLE
Chief Controller of Imports (7727)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

Re: CLIP FOLDED LOOM PICKERS Indian Patent No. 30009 manufactured by Virem & Co.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. P. G. THAKAR has undertaken to our clients Virem & Co. not to manufacture or sell any loom pickers similar to the above clip folded pickers of our clients Patent and manufacture. He has apologised to our clients for having inadvertently infringed the said Patent.

Dated this 2nd day of May, 1950.

VACHHA & CO.
Attorneys for
Messrs. Virem & Co. (7725)

AUCTION SALES

Under instructions from the B.P.T. Railway and in accordance with Sections 55 and 56 of Indian Railways Act No. IX of 1890, Messrs. MISTRY & CO. will sell by Public Auction on SATURDAY, the 20th May, 1950, at 3 P. M. (S.T.) at Grain Depot, 3 bales F. P Cotton, 2 bundles iron scrap, 48 bags groundnut oil cakes, 2 wooden frames, 1 bag linseed weighing 1 maund 2 seers, 1 wagon load white sand and 7 bundles rusty iron hoops and at 4 p.m. at Stores Depot 2 wagon loads and 1 lot of charcoal. 50 per cent cash deposit. Sales Tax, Town Duty, etc. payable. Auctioneers: MISTRY & CO. Tel. 22801.

Under instruction from the B.B. & C.I. Railway and in accordance with the provisions of Section 55 and 56 of the Indian Railways Act No. IX of 1890. MENESSE & CO. will sell by Public Auction on FRIDAY, the 19th May 1950 at 2 p. m. (S.T.) at Carnac Bridge Goods Depot, certain Unclaimed booked and Unbooked packages, and 22 Bales C.P. Goods such as shirting, coating etc.

AUCTION SALE OF CARGOES, LYING UNCLEARED IN THE B.P.T. DOCKS.

In accordance with section 64A of the Bombay Port Trust Act of 1879 and as from time to time amended MENESSE & CO. will under instructions from the Manager Bombay Port Trust Docks sell by Public Auction at A. Uncleared Warehouse Alexandra Dock at 2 P.M. on Monday the 8th May 1950 the following goods:—

Art silk piecegoods: woollen blankets and rugs: glass sheets: Hardware: milk powder: C. P. goods: Aluminium leaves: Floor covering: Fountain pen: Dry colour: Chemical: Machinery: Porcelain ware: Imitation jewellery: Radiogram: Cinema Projector: Toilet requisites: Nails. Cinema Film: Sodiam: Sewing machine: Cotton yarn: Toys: Electric appliances: Myrabolum etc.

MENESSE & CO.

Sikh Escapes After Shooting At A Girl

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

MORE than fifty police stations, spread all over the ninety-two square miles of Greater Bombay were alerted by the police wireless system in the early hours of this morning, when Headquarters issued orders to all officers and members of the constabulary to look out for a well-built young Sikh desperado, who following an unsuccessful attempt to molest two teen-aged Sikh girls who were fast asleep in their bed-room on the first floor of Ram Nivas, a building situated on Arthur Road, North Bombay, shot one of them injuring her grievously, and escaped from a chasing crowd which tried to apprehend him, by firing revolver shots indiscriminately.

Fourteen-year-old Sushil, who was shot through the abdomen by the Sikh who is described as a sex-maniac, is now lying in the Nair Hospital and Doctors at mid-way today expressed anxiety about her condition. At the time of going to Press, she was still stated to be in a precarious condition and had not regained consciousness.

Inquiries made by our reporter showed that the young man scaled the rear wall of the building at dawn today and through the back window made his entry unnoticed by anyone into the bedroom where the two girls were asleep. The intruder's presence was, however, felt by the younger girl, the victim of his bullet, who in spite of her sleepy condition, challenged him and ordered the bearded youth to clear out. In the malee that ensued, the elder sister Indrajit, who is 16, woke up and the two girls raised an alarm. By this time, the entire household was awakened and the father of the girls, Mr. Asa Singh Bhatia, an Insurance agent, belonging to the same community as the culprit, rushed to the room of his daughters. He was immediately followed by his wife.

At this stage, finding that he was out-numbered, Jogendra Singh, the intruder is stated to have flashed out his revolver which he carried in his hip pocket, shot at Sushila point-blank, and even before the girl collapsed, ran to in and jumped down with agility, clearing a death leap of about 30 feet, and yet emerged unscathed.

CHASED

When he landed in the backyard of the building, a crowd consisting mostly of neighbours of the family chased him for quite a distance, but he is said to have foiled their efforts by shooting indiscriminately with his fully loaded revolver. Luckily, however, those who gave him the chase were not injured, the only effect of the indiscriminate shooting being that the culprit was able to evade apprehension and escaped under cover of darknes.

Though the master-brains of the Bombay C. I. D. assisted by the Agripada Police and with the support of the entire constabulary have combed the city for nearly eight hours, so far Jogendra Singh is still at large. But the Police are hopeful that to get him is only a matter of hours.

Inspector Sami of Crime Branch II who has tackled many a ticklish case of the present type, himself went to the spot and is personally conducting further investigations, with the help of the window from which he had come the elaborate police machinery at his disposal.

Among the clues that he has so far laid his hands on is a spentup bullet which he picked up from the road not far away from the scene of the tragic event. The Police have so far ascertained that Jogendra Singh is the proprietor of a tailoring establishment situated across the road exactly opposite to the flat occupied by the two girls, on whom he is understood to have constantly cast covetous glances, with scant success.

CRIME PREVENTION IN U. P.

Action Against 1,511

LUCKNOW, May 3 (UPI):

U.P.'s Police Minister, Mr. Lal Bahadur Shastri informed the Legislative Assembly today during question hour that so far action had been taken against 1,511 persons in the State under the Crime Prevention Act.

He said prosecutions were launched against 1,198 persons of whom 388 were convicted.

The House then took up the Zamindari Abolition and Land Reforms Bill for discussion during which the zamindars voted with the Government in a division on a Socialist amendment which was rejected by the House.

The clause under discussion sought to give hereditary rights to the tenants of such land as had been entered as the zamindar's personal land for cultivation in Government papers, under certain conditions. The Socialists amendment wanted to restrict this benefit only to the tenants whose holdings on such lands were not bigger than 30 acres.

The Revenue Minister who is piloting the bill, opposing the amendment said that the Socialists by this amendment wanted to introduce their theory who had been rejected earlier by the House.

WANTED: JOBS FOR BURMA EVACUEES

Deputation To Deputy Minister

NEW DELHI, May 3 (PTI).

A deputation on behalf of the All-India Burma Evacuees' Association headed by Goutu Latchanna, M.L.A., (Madras), waited on Dr. B. V. Keskar, Deputy Minister of Foreign Department of Government of India yesterday afternoon and presented a memorandum pointing out the urgency of the need to take effective steps to give employment to lakhs of evacuees from Burma.

Among the suggestions the deputation has made for the rehabilitation of these Burma evacuees were: The granting on uncultivated but cultivable forest and waste lands on Bobbili, Vijayanagaram and other estates in Madras and similar merged states of Orissa; abolition of private agencies for recruiting labourers to the Government's projects like Hirakud, Tongabhadra, Duduma, etc., to facilitate recruitment through employment exchanges and give preference to the Burma evacuees, and developing fishing and other small-scale industries in order that the evacuees may find some means of living.

Dr. Keskar is reported to have assured the deputation that the matter would be put before the Prime Minister and necessary action would be taken

Dacca Buddhist Back Delhi Pact

DACCA, May 3 (PTI-Reuter): The Buddhist citizens of Dacca have pledged their "wholehearted co-operation in the implementation of the Liaquat-Nehru agreement".

Meeting here yesterday to commemorate the birthday of Lord Buddha, the Buddhists requested the Pakistan Government to give them a separate electorate as they "form a separate community by virtue of their religion, culture and traditions".

The meeting demanded that till such time as the elections took place the Government should nominate their representative.

A resolution to call a world Buddhist convention in Pakistan was also adopted at the meeting.

ECONOMY MEASURE IN BOMBAY

7,000 Government Men To Be Sacked

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

AT LEAST 7,000 Government employees will find themselves unemployed, before next April, it was learnt today in an interview with Mr. V. L. Mehta, Finance Minister, Government of Bombay.

The first stage towards the retrenchment is expected to be reached shortly by the Government. The Special Officer appointed by Government to effect six and a quarter per cent economies in Government expenditure on staff and officers, is shortly expected to proceed to certain selected districts in the State, in order to investigate the possibilities of retrenchment in those places. The Special Officer's work will be supervised by Mr. Morarji Desai, Home Minister, Government of Bombay, who may also visit those districts

MORE THAN 7,000

It is felt that in actual practice, the effecting of six and a quarter per cent saving on staff expenditure cannot be done, by cutting down the staff by 7,000 persons, as salaries in Government service show big disparities. Hence the number of people retrenched is expected to be more than this number.

Mr. Mehta said that the reduction of staff would be done in a manner to cause the minimum hardships to the people involved. An order of priorities for retrenchment had been drawn up, and the first people to be sent away, would be, temporary Staff, surplus Staff, overlapping Staff and those whose services were either short or who had been called back, after superannuation.

Government did not however, consider that women could be necessarily retrenched first, in preference to men.

LESS CORRUPT

He said, "Many times the women are the main stay of their houses". He had also heard that they were less prone to corruption and malpractices.

Asked what Government would do to relieve the unemployment thus caused, the Minister said that these persons would get priority in many activities of the Government like minor irrigation works and agricultural projects.

Questioned about a salary cut in general, he said that no cut was contemplated for the time being, but might be considered later, if necessary. Similarly, they did not at present consider cutting down travelling and other allowances in order to effect total economies of twelve and a half per cent in this direction. On the other hand, a directive had gone forth to Government servants to reduce travelling to the barest minimum.

BY STAGES

The Minister stated that the retrenchment and consequent economies would not be done abruptly and with one sweep, but by ordered stages, the desired effects being achieved by April next.

He said that the total economies which Government would effect by April next would be: A saving of six and a quarter per cent on the expenditure on Government staff and officers; a saving of twelve and a half per cent on travelling and contingent allowances and some reduction of Government expenditure due to the payment of grants-in-aid.

Reds' Terrorism In Calicut

CALICUT, May 3 (PTI): About 50 armed persons, described as Communists, last night raided the house of E. K. Kunhiraman Nambiar, Secretary of Mulakkodi Producer-cum-Consumer Society and inflicted injuries on him, according to reports reaching here from Kayaralam.

Mr. Nambiar's elder brother, Narayanan Nambiar and his servant were also stated to have been assaulted by them.

The victims were admitted into the Cannanore Civil Hospital this morning where Kunhiraman Nambiar's condition is reported to be serious.

A contingent of Malabar Special Police has been rushed to the place of incident.

A Crore And Thirty Lakhs Thrown Down The Drain

ALLEGED ROAD-BUILDING IN ASSAM

SHILLONG, May 3 (PTI).—The urgent need for improved communication facilities for Assam, especially in the tribal areas, was stressed by the Assam Governor, Mr. Sri Prakasa, when he opened the ninth annual conference of the Subordinate Engineers' Service Association here today. Mr. Nilmoni Phukan, M.L.A., presided.

The Governor said that Assam needed better communication above everything else. In the trbial areas, he found that the need for roads was greater than even schools or hospitals.

He advised the engineers to develop the attitude of managing public affairs at a cheaper cost.

Referring to the castigation in Parliament for "various omissions and commissions for which the engineers had to take the blame of wasting money of the tax payers" Mr. Sri Prakasa said: "It is really painful that nearly Rs. one crore and thirty lakhs have been thrown down the drain for a road of about 120 miles in length between Agartala and Assam border, which practically does not exist."

NOT ABSOLUTELY BASELESS

"I know the matter was exaggerated and the section of the road for which we were castigated was not specifically mentioned, while the general impression was that we were careless people and that we do not worry about spending public finance carelessly. There is a saying in Sanskrit which says that whenever there is any rumour about anything it is not absolutely baseless," he added.

THEY HAVE NO HEART

BANARAS, May 3 (PTI).—For selling adulterated mustard oil nine persons, including some oil millers, were sentenced to pay fines ranging from Rs. 100 to Rs. 1,000 by a First Class Judicial Magistrate.

According to the prosecution, in some cases the oil was found admixtured with the oil of Argemone Mexicana said to be the main causes of epidemic dropsy.

INDO-PAK EDITORS MEETING TODAY

P.M. To Address

NEW DELHI, May 3 (PTI): A joint meeting of the Standing Committees of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference and the Pakistan Newspaper Editors' Conference will be held at the Constitution Club tomorrow at 9-30 a.m., the Secretary of the AINEC announced today.

Besides members and special invitees to the Conference Mr. Sahubuddin, Minister of Interior, Pakistan Government and Mr. R. R. Diwakar, Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, will be attending the inaugural meeting.

At 10-30 a.m. Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, will address the Conference. At one p.m. the AINEC will give a lunch party to the delegates and to other invitees who will include the Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister.

ASSAM ANXIOUS FOR PEACE

Pakistan Delegation's Impressions

SHILLONG, May 3 (PTI).

Mr. Yusuf Afgan and Mr. A. S. Bazmi, two members of the Pakistan Press Delegation, expressed their thankfulness to the Government of Assam for the facilities given to them to study the situation in the State.

In a statement on the eve of their departure for Calcutta today, after the completion of three days tour of Assam, they said:—

"We must thank the Assam Government for the hospitality and all facilities they gave us to study the situation in Assam. We met leaders of various shades of political opinion and officials of various categories and have reason to believe the Assam Government's anxiety to implement the agreement in letter and spirit. They realise that the only alternative to unreserved implementation of the agreement is disaster for both the countries.

"In this connection we are also satisfied with the attitude of the Assam Press towards the agreement. We are sure that their contribution will go a long way in restoring confidence in the minorities. We repeat also that our gesture in this respect will be no less sincere".

FATAL BUNDLE

HABIGANJ (Sylhet) May 2 (PTI): A sudden explosion killed a fisherman and injured some others on Sunday last at Nowgaon under the Lakhai police station.

Finding a bundle in his net the fisherman took it home. When, however, the bundle was opened before the eager family members, it burst with a loud explosion causing death to one and injuries to others.

The injured persons are, however, progressing well in the hospital.

Customs Duty Withdrawn In Madhya Bharat

INDORE, May 3 (PTI): The customs duty which was in force since the formation of Madhya Bharat Union has been withdrawn and the Government have introduced sales-tax throughout the Union with effect from May 1, 1950

Delhi Kerosene Oil Supply

NEW DELHI, May 3 (UPI): The issue of kerosene oil for May 1950 will not be allowed on the existing ration cards, says a notification issued by the Delhi Civil Supplies Department. Supplies for the month of May, will however be made only against the renewed cards after proper re-registration.

Bevin Will Not Fail

LONDON, May 3 (PTI): Mr. Ernest Bevin, expected out of hospital tomorrow, will definitely lead the British delegation at the big three Foreign Ministers talks opening here next week, a foreign office spokesman stated today. Mr. Bevin should end his three weeks stay at the Manor House Hospital, London, tomorrow and will then spend four days recuperating after his operation for haemorrhoids before returning to official business.

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WORLD ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS

Salim Ali To Represent India

BOMBAY, Wednesday

ORNITHOLOGISTS from different parts of the world will take part at the 10th International Ornithological Congress to be held in Upsala (Sweden) between June 10 and 17, it was learnt here today.

India's delegate to this session, Mr. Salim Ali, Honorary Secretary of the Bombay Natural History Society, is leaving Bombay for London tomorrow on his way to Sweden.

The Congress is the first of its kind to be convened after the war. The last one was in Rouen (France) in the year 1938.

Mr. Salim Ali, told the Press Trust of India that India was being represented at this Congress for the first time. The session would discuss recent progress in the science of ornithology. There would be an exhibition of books on this subject. The Bombay Natural History society, Mr. Salim Ali stated, had a proposal to invite the Congress to hold its next session in India in 1954.

The delegates to the Conference will undertake study tours of bird life in Lapland—described as "The land of the midnight sun"—in the northern part of Sweden where the sun never sets during three months in summer.

After the session, Mr. Salim Ali, will visit Spain and London before returning to Bombay in September. While in Spain he will undertake a study of the famous breeding grounds of Flamingo, a rare bird. He said he had an opportunity of studying these in Cutch —the only existing breeding centre of Flamingo in the East.

In London, Mr. Salim Ali, will work in the bird room of the British Museum for a couple of months. He is carrying with him some 100 specimens of different varieties of birds from the Bombay Natural History Society gallery of the Prince of Wales Museum of Western India with the object of making a comparative study.

BENGALI BOOKLETS FORFEITED

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Under the West Bengal Security Ordinance, 1949, the Government of West Bengal has prohibited further publication, sale or distribution of the booklet in Bengali entitled "Mayor Dak" issued by Unity Party of India, 6/1, Balaram Bose, 1st Lane, Calcutta 20, or any extract therefrom or translation thereof, and has also declared forfeited to the Government all copies, wherever found, of the said booklet and all other documents containing copies, reprints and translations of or extracts from, it.

Under the Indian Press (Emergency Power) Act, 1931, it has also forfeited to the Government all copies wherever found, of the issue, dated February 24, 1950, of the news-sheet in Bengali entitled "Lal Nishan", issued by the Revolutionary Communist Party of India and all other documents containing copies, reprints or translations of or extracts from it.

Acquitted Of Bribe Charge

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

P. P. Damle and N. R. Deo, ticket collectors at Byculla railway station, who were being prosecuted before the Presidency Magistrate, Esplande Court for alleged acceptance of illegal gratification, were found not guilty of the charge and acquitted.

Thundershowers In Travancore

ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, May 3 (PTI).

The following is the daily weather summary for Wednesday, May 3, 1950.

There have been local showers in Assam, Travancore-Cochin and a few showers in East Madhya Pradesh, coastal Andhradesa and Tamilnad.

Day temperatures continued to be above normal over most of the country and were appreciably so over the region from the Punjab (India) to West Bengal and in East Madhya Pradesh and East Hyderabad.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL THE EVENING OF FOURTH:—Thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Travancore-Cochin and in Assam. A few thundershowers are also likely in sub-Himalayan West Bengal, in and around East Madhya Pradash and in Tamilnad. Thundery conditions may develop locally in Gangestic West Bengal in the afternoon.

Day temperatures may fall slightly in East Madhya Pradeh and Orissa.

The following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 23 hours. With total rainfall from 1st March 1950, and departure from normal recorded at 08-00 hours (I.S.T.) on May 3, 1950.

Ahmedabad 105 78 0 0 minus 0.1, Allahabad 109 75 0 1.8 plus 1.0, Ambala 108 77 0 1.8 plus 0.2, Bangalore 97 73 0 0 minus 2.3, Baroda 107 77 0 0 minus 0.1, Benaras 108 73 0 0.7 plus 0.1, Bropal 105 80 0 1.6 plus 1.0, Bombay 90 77 0 0 minus 0.1, Calcutta 97 82 0 2.3 minus 1.2, Cherrapunji 67 60 1.0 31.6, minus 6.1, Cochin 88 84 0 6.3 minus 1.2, Colombo 89 83 0 12.3 minus 2.2, Cuttack 102 83 0 3.5 plus 1.3, Delhi 106 75 0 0.7 minus 0.8, Gwalior 109 76 0 0.3 — Hyderabad (Dn.) 107 82 0.0.1 minus 1.6, Indore 103 74 0 0.2 0, Kodaikanal 72 55 0 2.4 minus 4.8, Lucknow 109 74 0 1.8 plus 0.2, Madras 100 84 0 0.4 minus 0.5, Mysore 99 72 0 0 minus 3.4, Nagpur 110 82 0 1.2 minus 0.1, Ootacamund 72 51 0.2 1.1 minus 3.7, Patna 107 76 0.3 minus 0.5, Peshawar 90 66 0 6.6 plus 2.3, Poona 99 65 0 1.5 plus 0.8, Quetta 79 75 0 1.8 minus 1.0, Ranchi 107 0 2.4 plus 0.2, Shillong 78 60 0 5.7 minus 3.0, Simla 75 62 0 4.6 plus 0.4, Trivandrum 90 81 0 8.1 plus 1.3, Udaipur 103, 75 0 0 minus 0.2.

KISHORI'S DRIVER GIVES EVIDENCE

Second Day Of Trial

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

At the trial of Kishori Alladatta and two others Jagdish Kumar and Rampalsingh for the offence of culpable homicide not amounting to murder and abetment thereof, Kishori's motor-driver John was examined this morning.

In his examination-in-Chief he said that the deceased Nadkarni went down the bungalow twice after midnight. On knowing about Nadkarni's fall through Abdul Kadar, a neighbour's chauffeur he rushed to give water to him. Thereafter he took Nadkarni to the Hospital in a car. He had also driven Kishori to the Taj and then to Juhu. The same night, the gardener and his son talked to him about the other two accused throwing out Nadkarni.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

While cross-examined in detail by Mr. Gidwani appearing for the other two accused the witness said that he did not know how many persons attended the musical performance that night When questioned about the relations between Nadkarni and Kishori he pleaded ignorance. When Nadkarni went down the stairs for the second time, the witness said, he looked healthy but a little tired. His clothes were not torn. The witness went upstairs to Kishori to hand her over the ring sent by Nadkarni but he could not say whether she was weeping at that time or not.

Mr. B. M. Mistry instructed by the Public Prosecutor Mr. S. R. Vakil appeared for the State. Messrs. Ghaswala, Gandhi. R. P. Vachha and Murudker appeared for Kishori. Mr. Gidwani appeared for the remaining accused.

Restrictions On Jarilla Cotton Withdrawn

Free Choice For Cultivators

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

IN November, 1944, the Government of Bombay issued orders under the Cotton Control Act of 1942 prohibiting cultivators in the East and West Khandesh Districts and Malegaon, Baglan, Nandgaon and Kalwan talukas of the Nasik District, from growing any variety of cotton other than Jarilla evolved by the Agricultural Department as a superior wilt-resistant cotton.

For several years, thereafter, the cultivators derived considerable benefit from growing Jarilla. The last two or three seasons were specially unfavourable for cotton and Jarilla and the coarser varieties grown in the adjoining areas of Madhya Pradesh suffered alike. It was noticed that Jarilla was susceptible to variations in climatic conditions, particularly to late rains. The Agricultural Department, therefore, set to work to develop a better cotton than Jarilla—one that would withstand the vagaries of the climate. As a result of this work, a new cotton, known as 197/3, has been evolved and it is proposed to replace Jarilla with this cotton as soon as possible. It will, however, take two to three years before enough seed of this new variety to cover the entire area becomes available.

NEW VARIETY

On representations made by the cotton growers of the East and West Khandesh districts that, meanwhile, the enforced cultivation of Jarilla cotton is prejudicial to their interests and that, therefore, the restrictions imposed by the Cotton Control Act should be relaxed to enable them to grow any variety of cotton they like, the Government have in view of the fact that after two years Jarilla cotton would, in any case, be replaced by the new variety 197-3, agreed to relax the restrictions and the orders issued in November, 1944, under the Cotton Control Act, 1942, have been cancelled. The cultivators are thus now free to grow any variety of cotton they like. They will, however, do so on their own responsibility as the Agricultural Department is not in a position to secure for them seed of any alternative variety of cotton.

PROTECTED AREA

It should be mentioned, that although the restrictions imposed under the Cotton Control Act have been removed, the Khandesh tract consisting of East and West Khandesh Districts and Malegaon, Baglan, Nandgaon and Kalwan talukas of the Nasik District will still continue to be a protected area under the Cotton Transport Act. This is necessary for maintaining the purity of the cottons grown in this important area.

THEFTS IN LAL BAUG AREA

More Arrests

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

As a result of brisk and tactful investigations, the police made further arrests in connection with the series of thefts and house-breakings in the Laj Baug area, bringing the total number to 12, including 3 receivers.

Inspector Yardi and Sub Inspectors Rane and Kadri were on the trail of Gangaram Gopal Gawker, said to be the leader of the gang. They ultimately got information of his whereabouts, and trapped him at Worli Koliwada at 1 a.m. this morning in a hut.

Property worth Rs 18,000 has so far been recovered. Many more persons are to be arrested.

CITY & SUBURBS

TODAY

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Parsi: Adar 4, 1319
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Today's Engagements

BARATIYA VIDYA BHAVAN: Shri Uday Shankar on "Impressions of my American Tour", at 6-30 p.m. at Gita Mandir Hall, Chowpatty.

ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY: Exhibition of educational scientific and information films at Town Hall at 6-30 p.m., by Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

MUNICIPAL CORP. OF GREATER BOMBAY: Meeting at 3-30 p.m

S. K. PATL TO GO ON WORLD TOUR

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Shri S. K. Patil, Mayor of Bombay, and President of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, will be leaving on a "round the world tour" by air next week.

Shri Patil who leaves Bombay on May 9 for Calcutta 'en route' to Bangkok, will visit Singapore, Hong Kong, Manila, Tokyo, Honolulu, Los Angeles, New York and London before returning to Bombay. In the United States, he will stay for about three weeks and in Europe he will visit France, Switzerland, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Germany and Italy for about a week.

During his world tour, Shri Patil, who is also the Chairman of the Film Enquiry Committee appointed by the Government of India, will, it is learnt, make a first-hand study of the film industry and its growth and development in America and the continent, besides stuying the municipal administrations of the Pacific countries.

Industrial Dispute

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The industrial dispute between the Bansiwala Mills Ltd., Bombay, and the workmen employed under it has been referred by the Government of Bombay for adjudication to the Industrial Tribunal of Shri D. G. Kamerkar.

Honorary Magistrates' Annual Meeting

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The annual general meeting of the Society of the Honorary Presidency Magistrates of Bombay was held at Esplanade Police Court this evening when new office-bearers of the Society were elected. Mrs. Queenie H. C. Captain was elected new President, Mr. Bhawanji A. Khimji was elected Vice-President and Messrs. K. S. Sethna and A. C. Ramalingam as Joint Secretaries.

Mr. Morarji Desai, Home Minister, addressed the meeting and advised the Honorary Magistrates to realise their responsibility and to work for the establishment of a new and ideal society in the country by educating people in their respective localities.

Earlier, Mr. Desai was welcomed by Mr. Ratilal Gandhi.

Ban On Meetings Extended

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The order of the Commissioner of Police prohibiting meetings and processions in Greater Bombay, has been extended for 15 days from May 4, 1950.

The Pulse Of The City

BOLTED AWAY: The Bombay Police are on the track of two brothers who are reported to have decamped with a sum of Rs. 50,000 leaving an apprentice in their office to face the music. The absconders, Proprietors of Saigal (India) Corporation, accepted advances from various persons, against delivery of machines and oil engines who they said they had ordered from abroad. When the customers grew suspicious and complained to the police, the brothers it is said have disappeared. The police have arrested Tekchand Bhagatram Khanna, the youngman left at the office.

RUN OVER: Two Sindhis were run over by a up-train near Kurla one boy aged 12 was found his head cut from the body, and while another was in a pool of blood, his head smashed into pieces.

HAND OF FATE: He never throught that he would one day, dangle from the 'spindle tep' in which he was working for a number of years. Tukaram Yessoo a Hindu worker employed in Shri Nivas Cotton Mills was found hanging yesterday morning. Police suspect suicide.

GUIDING SPIRIT: The Palton Road Police arrested Arjun Vithu Mungekar for assisting a juvenile who was working as a peon in a city company at Homji Street, to steal watches from the firm. He was released on bail of Rs. 500 at Ballard Pier Court.

ATTEMPT TO ROB: Nishakant Nayak a 30-year-old resident of Bangalore was arrested for an alleged attemp to rob a young girl in a first class compartment of local train between Santa Cruz and Khar on Tuesday afternoon. He was remanded in cutody.

WANTED: Mohammad Omar is wanted by the police in connection with a complaint that Omar gave a room which did not belong to him for a consideration of Rs. 390 "against furniture".

CHILD DIES: Devi Kanyala, aged 8 the survivor of an accident in which a BEST bus collided with a tricycle died at the KEM Hospital on Tuesday

RAID: Digambar Vishwanath, residing at Anant Terrace, C.P Tank, and his daughter-in-law were arrested by the Maharbouri Police on Tuesday for alleged Satta betting.

TODAY'S RADIO

THURSDAY, May 4.

Air News From Delhi

English 8 a.m., 1-30 p.m. 6, 9; Gujarati 8-45 a.m. 1 pm. 8-15; Hindustani 8-15 a.m., 1-40 p.m 6-10, 9-15; Kannada 7-45 a.mm. 7-45 p.m. Malayalam 7-30 a.m., 7-30 p.m.; Marathi 8-30 a.m., 12-50 p.m., 8; Tamil 7-15 a.m., 7-15 p.m., Telugu 7 a.m., 1-50 p.m., 7 p.m.

BOMBAY

7-30 a.m Bhor bhaee, 7-40 Todays programme, 7-45 Rama Patel's party, G geet, 8-15 Ram Maratha, hindol. 12-45 p.m. Tantrakari, 12-50 Rama Patel's party, garbigeet, 1-10 Geet and and bhajan, 1-40 Rhythmania. 5-0 Hindi by radio, 5-20 R S Bijoor, sarangi, 5-30 For children, E. 6-10 H Chaudhry, bansari, 6-30 V Harshe, shudh kalyan, 7-0 Day's topic. 7-19 Locals, 7-20 Ram Marathe, marwa, 7-45 Kaingar sabha, 8-30 G talk on science, 8-45 R Parekh, G roopak on "vale of love," 9-15 H Chaudhry, bansari, 9-30 Film songs, 9-45 My leisure hours, 10-0 Dorian string quartet, 10-45 CBS Sym. Orch

VARIATIONS

8-0 a.m. H Chaudhry, bansari, 8-45 Ram Marathe, abang, 1-0 p.m. V K Pradhan, devotional songs, 1-30 Geet and bhajan, 1-50 For women, 5-00 Hindi by radio, 6-0 V Harshe, thumri, 6-20 For rural listeners, 7-30 Commercial news, 8-15 Bhavgeet, 9-0 Heble, K songs, 10-0 R Marathe, malkauns, 10-30 U R A Khan, kh bhagi.

BARODA

7-30 a.m. Puja, 7-40 Today and morrow, 7-50 A M Bhatt, bhajan, 8-15 N Ghulamkhan, todi, 5-30 p.m. As in Ahmedabad, 6-10 Nalini Kemar and Manoramabi Nene, dilryba, 6-20 A M Bhtt, geet 6-30 For rural listers, 7-0 Brains trust, G 7-30 Nalini Kemkar and M. Nene dilruba, 7-45 N. Ghulam. khan, kamod, 8-10 Locals, 8-30 Phool Chhab, 9-30 N Pathak's musical feature, "bhabhoi".

AHMEDABAD

7-30 a.m. Ashram bhajanvali, 7-40 Geet gunjan, 8-15 B P Bhatt, kh. Ramkali, 8-30 K Trivedi,, song, 5-30 p.m B P. Bhatt, ek a rag, 6-10 As in Baroda, 6-30 Lest we forget, 6-45 K Trivedi, Khabardar's geets, 7-0 Brains trust G, 7-30 For industrial workers, 8-0 Locals, 8-5 Ravi Shankar, 8-30 B P Bhatt, kh. vá bagheshri. 9-30 As in Baroda.

All India Radio, Bombay, will broadcast tomorrow (4th May) at 9-45 P.M. a talk in English by Leela Chitnis on "My Leisure Hours". The talk can be heard on both Bombay 'A' and 'B'.

Ad Hoc Petrol Ration

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Enquiries made by the W.I.A.A. from the Office of the Provincial Rationing Authority show that the ad hoc petrol ration of 8 gallons per car and 4 gallons per motor cycle which Mr. D. Sathe, I.C.S., announced at his Press Conference last week will be issued sometime after the 15th May.

A Notification about this will be issued by the Area Rationing Authority, Bombay, shortly.

A CORRECTION

A news item from Indore, under the heading "Little Acts of Little Men", alleging that the Hon'ble Shri Kaluram Virulkar, Minister for Education and Labour. Madhya Bharat, left Indore Aerodrome without receiving the Hon'ble Shri R. R. Diwakar because he was not given precedence at the presentation ceremony, was published on April 28. The report is incorrect. Shri Virulkar received Shri Diwakar with other Labour leaders of Madhya Bharat, who were present on the occasion. We regret the error.

—EDITOR.

Diploma In Basic Education

Candidates with the following roll numbers have passed the examination for the Diploma in Basic Education 1950:—

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DHARWAR CENTRE

FIRST CLASS:—21 and 25.

SECOND CLASS:—1 2 3 5 7 8 9 10 11 13 14 15 16 17 19 20 23 24 27 and 28.

PASS CLASS:—6 12 18 22 and 26.

Planning Department For Bombay

BOMBAY, Wednesday: The Government of Bombay, at the suggestion of Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda, Vice-Chairman of the Indian Planning Commission, have created a planning department, in the place of the existing Reconstruction Department, it is learnt.

A Deputy Secretary will be in charge of the Department.

A similar department, it is learnt, is expected to be created in other states as well.

Bombay Laws

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Bombay Khoti Abolition (Amendment) Bill, 1950, the Bombay (Building (Control on Erection) (Amendment), Bill, 1950, the Bombay Local Authorities Adult Franchise and Removal of Reservation of Seats Bill, 1950, and the Bombay Rents, Hotel and Lodging House Rates Control (Amendment) Bill, 1950, have received the assent of the Governor of Bombay. These laws have been published in the Bombay Government Gazette of May 2, 1950, for the information of the public.

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The Bombay Chronicle

COTTON CONTROL

The Ministry of Industry and Supplies has issued a press note stating that the control over cotton will be maintained upto August 1951 and the ceiling prices for different varieties for the next year's crop will be announced before permission is given to commence trading in the new crop. The ceiling prices fixed for the present crop are to remain in force. In order to stimulate production of raw cotton, it has been decided to remove all restrictions on the growing of cotton and to extend to cotton lands all possible irrigational facilities. The Government will allow remission of land revenue for additional areas brought under cotton cultivation. Other measures to increase production include supply of seeds and fertilisers and encouragement to intercropping. The diversion of land from foodgrains in a State will be compensated for by additional supplies of foodgrains to the extent of such deficiency. The measures so far taken seem to be inadequate as mere removal of restriction on area will not help to any great extent. For it is well-known that the Government policy so far had been to fix unduly low price for cotton as more interest was evinced in increased production of food grains in the past years. This attitude on the part of the Government and their advisers resulted in great scarcity in the supply of raw cotton. Several mills had to close down from want of supplies, resulting in decreased production of cloth and mass unemployment in the textile industry.

The Indian Central Cotton Committee, which is closely associated with the production of cotton, passed a resolution calling upon the Government to raise substantially the ceiling price. Government are silent on this vital point on which alone depends increase in production. Government are well aware that as compared with prices of other agricultural produce, the cotton ceiling price fixed by them has proved unremunerative and cotton cultivators have had no heart in their pursuit. They were indifferent about the yield and the crop proved to be a small one with the result that Government were forced to import large quantities of foreign cotton at considerably higher prices, and in doing so, much of our hard-earned exchange had to be used. The evil did not stop here and the whole machinery of the cotton trade was thrown out of gear. Hundreds of brokers and members of East India Cotton Association and thousands of their employers were left without work as the ruling price of cotton had been above the ceiling price throughout the year. The carry-over of raw cotton at the end of the season will be reduced to a low level,, never seen in the history of cotton trade. The Government must also know that India was an exporting country of raw cotton before the war and we had a barter agreement with Japan to import Japanese cloth against a fixed quota of export of raw cotton to that country. Moreover Continental mills also used to consume fair quantities of short staple Indian raw cotton. But since the partition of the country, we have lost the source of supply of a large portion of long stapled American cotton grown only in Pakistan. Government unfortunately, failed to realise the changing cotton economy.

There is however, still time for the Government to take a practical view of the situation and fix the ceiling price of raw cotton as desired by the Indian Central Cotton Committee which is a semi-official body. The members of this committee have many years' experience and their advice and recommendations must be accepted by the Government. If the Government persist in their theoretical experiments, they will have to thank themselves, if the cotton crop proves inadequate next season. Those who are in authority must also know that the crop does not depend entirely upon the are under cotton cultivation. Weather conditions and timely rainfall play an important part in yield per acre and Government have no control over weather conditions or the rainfall and must allow some safe margin for these and other eventualities. The Government must consult public opinion while fixing ceiling price and accept it instead of taking arbitrary action.

Need For Town Planning

Housing shortage in India and feverish efforts to overcome it have also brought into the forefront wider and long range problems which, it behoves the authorities to take fully into account while meeting that shortage. For instance, since construction is to be conducted on a large scale, here is an opportunity to do it on an architectural and integrated plan.

In the case of bigger towns, the construction of buildings should, as a rule, conform to the details of the schemes of town planning. New buildings should be so designed and located as to form an integral part of the patterns of towns. A lead in this connection has just been given by the Uttar Pradesh Government which should be widely welcome. Having realised the values of this fundamental principle of town planning the Government of Uttar Pradesh has, we are glad to note proceeded to organise its town and village Planning. Office as an independent department. The decision taken by it was motivated by the necessity of preventing haphazard growth of buildings. The preparation of master-plans and other schemes of town planning has been set as the immediate work of the new department. In future the location of sizeable building in a few towns like Lucknow and others for which plans are under way will be coordinated through the Town Planning Office and construction will be permitted subject to the sanction of the authority of the Planning Department. Coordination and sanction of the proper authority are far-reaching conditions, but they must be followed rigidly. Master plans and scheme of town planning will, however, be of no avail if they are worked out merely is propositions of academic interest. They must have practical application. Instances will be found in which constructional works have been proceeded with in a slip-shod manner, in spite of the master-plans. The buildings are needed by the Government, local authorities and other agencies besides the public. Among them, there ought to be an independent planning authority in each state whose decisions should be binding upon every agency. Emergency is not unlikely to be cited, these days, as an excuse for in-discriminate building activities, but it cannot be accepted as a valid reason for violating the principles of town planning. If a town planning authority is created and vested with adequate powers, it will, given full freedom, deal with every case on merits and take decisions in conformity with the schemes or principles of civic designs. Constructional works have been undertaken, on a large scale, all over the country for different purposes. The creation of a town planning authority is, therefore, all the more necessary to coordinate building activities and to direct them on systematic lines. Following the example set by the Government of U. P. the Governments of other states should take steps to enforce town-planning. In the schemes of national planning, it is essential to assign a place of prominence to the subject of town planning and this is the time and opportunity for it.

Assam's Extravagance

The remarks of Mr. Sri Prakasa Governor of Assam made at the annual conference of subordinate engineers bear out in part the criticism made by Mr. K. Santanam in the Indian Parliament. The Assam Governor disclosed that nearly a crore and thirty lakhs had been "thrown down the drain for a road of about 120 miles in length between Agartala and Assam border which practically does not exist." Mr. Santanam's statement which was similar in substance, was resented by the Government of Assam who protested that it was a slur on their administration. Mr. Santanam promptly apologised on the floor of Parliament and the impression left in the public mind was that Assam was more sinned against than sinning. The public will have to revise their opinion now. Popular feeling has been stirred by the grandiose plans drawn up by the Government, and even officials seem to have been led away from the world of reality. While it is constantly urged and generally realised that there is need to conserve every pie of the nation's money here we find responsible officials throwing away a crore and thirty lakhs. Mr. Santanam maintained that the Assam engineers did not heed the advice of the Central Government regarding the futility of their plans. It is pertinent to ask what has been done by the Central Government to prevent a recurrence of such extravagance. The spectacle of a Provincial Government engaging in a controversy with a Central Minister is hardly edifying to the public: it ceases to be amusing when the stake involved runs to a crore and more of rupees.

Thought For The Day

It is not good to have too much liberty. It is not good to have all one wants.

—BLAISE PASCAL.

Tete-a-Tete

WITHOUT COMMENT

"The total collections were about Rs. 10 crores. Out of that approximately half had been given by a few hundred industrialists—not because of our philanthropic bent of mind or because we had real reverence in this respect. i. e. in parting with our money, towards the departed high soul. but because the contributions were asked for by the authorities and because many of us were expecting that, by so doing, we would not be dragged into the sphere of action of the Investigation Commission; either that we may escape it or that our case may be settled amicably.

"At least I was one of the victims of this temptation.

—Seth Ram Krishna Dalmia on Gandhi Memorial Fund.

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Mr. M. Nagarajan, Secretary of the Karaikal Merger Congress urges in a statement that "if a referendum is to be held in the South French settlements, it should be a free and a fair one". But it has, first of all, to be a French one, hasn't it?

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Suggesting, apropos of Mr. Liaquat Ali's visit to Britain and America, the need for a settlement on Kashmir, the "Manchester Guardian" urges that "to the outside world one of the first thoughts, which come into the mind on mention of Pakistan is the Kashmir quarrel."

Sounds almost like an admonition to Pakistan? What's suddenly wrong, if anything?

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Admiral Nimitz, still Plebiscite Administrator for the United Nations, told pressmen at Lake Success the other day that though he was not prepared to go into any detail he thought Sir Muhammad Zafrullah Khan's latest statement at Karachi was a clear indication that the Indo-Pakistan Kashmir dispute might be settled by direct negotiations between the two countries.

We wholeheartedly say "Amen".

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A meeting recently held in Bombay and presided over by Dr. Mulk Raj Anand is reported to have condemned the dismissal of Professor Joliot-Curie from the post of Atomic High Commissioner in France.

Could it not be that France was regarding the distinguished scientist as a sort of French Lysenko?

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In a speech to the South African Senate, Dr. Malan actually said that if India did not remain in the Commonwealth and in friendship with the west, "that would not only mean the crumbling away of the Commonwealth, but a weakening of the democracies of the West."

Which is obviously nonsense. Everybody knows that what will weaken the democracies of the West and, indeed destroy Christianity and Western civilisation will be acceptance of coloured peoples including Indians on an equal footing everywhere as demanded by India.

OUR LONDON LETTER

PREROGATIVE OF DISSOLUTION

(By Our Correspondent)

LONDON, (By Air).

CAN the Crown refuse the request of the Prime Minister to dissolve Parliament? This is the theme of a controversy between lawyers and experts on British constitution. Both Lord Simon and Mr. Amery are of the opinion that the Crown has the power to refuse a dissolution. But men like Jennings think that the Crown must accept the advice of his Prime Minister.

Whatever the legal position, no man, anxious about the maintenance of democracy in Britain, can contemplate with equanimity a situation in which Crown rejects the advice of his Prime Minister who is the symbol of the will of the people. Besides, it may easily develop into a position that may expose the Crown to an affront. Undoubtedly the King retains the prerogative to refuse dissolution. But that is only in theory and the prerogative has not been used for about a century. Well, it may remain in the frigidaire in the interest of both the people and Crown.

SEARCH FOR LOOPHOLES

The controversy has arisen because of the possibility of Government defeat and Mr. Attlee seeking a dissolution. The Tories are anxious to get the control, but are reluctant to face another General Election. Hence the search for loopholes in the constitution through which they may get into office. There is little doubt that a dozen cases of illness in Socialist ranks can provide an opportunity to the Opposition to pull down the Government. The position of the Opposition in office will be even more precarious. That is why men like Mr. Eden are not anxious to knock down the Government without fully considering the consequences that are likely to flow from such 'victory'. But there are many in Tory ranks who want an immediate showdown and see Mr. Churchill translated to 10, Downing Street. But if Mr. Churchill is to be installed in 10, Downing Street they must defeat the Government and face a General Election. Their idea that in the case of Government defeat the King will invite Mr. Churchill to form Government is mere wishful thinking, showing poor knowledge of British constitutional practice and usage and even poorer appreciation of the dangerous implications of the Crown refusing the request of the Prime Minister for a dissolution.

TWO ALTERNATIVES

In the case of a Government defeat two courses are open to Mr. Attlee. He can either advise the King to dissolve Parliament or to suggest that the Leader of the Opposition be invited to form Government. The latter course should be ruled out for Mr. Attlee is not likely to do anything that may be to the advantage of his political opponents. As regards dissolution, it is argued by Tory legal pundits that the King might refuse the Prime Minister's request. Lord Simon is the chief protaganist of this dangerous theory. He even, questions the right of the Prime Minister to demand a dissolution. Writing to the "Times" he says, "the dissolution of Parliament is in this country one of the prerogatives of the Crown. It is not a mere feudal survival, but it is a part and I think useful part, of our constitutional system. It does not mean that the Crown should act arbitrarily, and without the advice of responsible ministers, but it does mean that the Crown is not bound to take the advice of a particular minister to put his subjects to the tumult and turmoil of a series of General Elections so long as it can find other Ministers who are prepared to give contrary advice. The notion that a Minister who cannot command a majority in the House of Commons .. is invested with the right to demand a dissolution is as subversive of constitutional usage as it would, in my opinion, be pernicious to the paramount interests of the nation at large".

He further says that if the Government were overthrown by an adverse vote, it would be an error to suppose that the King had no option. The King's Government would have to be carried on, and the question for the Sovereign to resolve would be whether someone else should be invited to form a Government". But Lord Simon himself concedes that "with party representation nearly equal on either side that alternative Government could not be formed or would not last, in which case another General Election becomes unavoidable". The Crown is bound to take this fact into consideration, and it can come to only one conclusion that is, the request for dissolution be granted. There is little doubt that in case of the defeat of Mr. Attlee's Government a new General Election would become unavoidable.

CONSTITUTIONAL POSITION

It is in the highest degree desirable, as Lord Chorley says, the King should remain "au dessus le combat" in respect of political manoeuvres not only in actuality but in appearance. By refusing to accept a Prime Minister's advice the King would put the opposition into office, thereby in effect giving them the opportunity of choosing the occasion of General Election, which would expose him to criticism. Although such conduct, he says, may have been possible in Victorian times, when it was much debated, the march of political events has made it no longer justifiable.

In fact, Queen Victoria was once faced with the problem of dissolution and decided the question in conformity with the advice of a Prime Minister. In 1841 the Government and Opposition were, as today, almost equal in strength. Lord Melbourne, who was then Prime Minister, told Queen Victoria that if she intervened to dissolve Parliament and as a result of the new election "we were to have the parties equal as they are now, it would be very bad." He added it would be still worse if, after the Crown had intervened, the country returned a Government smack against it. "That would be an affront to which I am very unwilling to expose the Crown", Queen Victoria commented. All this is very true. It is a truth, which, as Mr. Roger Fulford, says, should not be overlooked in 1950. Apart from the undesirability of the Crown even appearing to intervene in political manoeuvres, many constitutional lawyers question the right of

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

Lattimore Again

Politics in America has always been an attractive entertainment, and Tamanny Hall has been a source of amusement even to millions outside America. Imaginative film directors have found in it themes to keep audience roaring with laughter for hours. But the Lattimore-Mcarthy wordy duel surpasses in its brilliance anything that has happened before. While the Senator has been satisfied with calling the State Department official some names which even a fishwife might be glad to borrow, Owen Lattimore has given personal glimpses of the worthy Senator which must make black marketeers elsewhere green with envy. Evasion of Income Tax and nepotism in high places are not confined to America alone, but rarely does such an individual rise to international eminence as the indomitable Senator has done. Jokes apart, the AcCarthy-Lattimore verbal fussilade throws light on one aspect of life in democracies: Has one ever heard of such outspokenness in Russia? Can any Russian individual—or even a member of the Supreme Soviet for that matter—make a similar charge against an official of the Kremlin and be allowed to get away with it? And even if such a thing does happen, will the outside world be allowed to know about it?

The Dewaswoms

Bitter controvercy is raging in Travancore-Cochin over the annual payment from the state revenue to the Dewaswoms (Hindu Religious Institutions). The Christians, who outnumber Hindus by two to one in the State Congress, there started a campaign to discontinue the State grant of Rs. 51,00,000 to the Dewaswoms. The Dewaswoms Act passed the authority over these institutions to the hands of the Hindu community from the Rajpramukh but at the same time cut off the State grant. Though this amount represented only a fraction of the income derived from Dewaswoms, the Hindus resented this loss and held Christians responsible for it. There was a state-wide agitation and protest in which two Congress M.L.A.'s also took part. There has been a move "to protect Hindu interests" and for the consolidation of Hindus. The Parliamentary Congress Party who had piloted the Act took disciplinary action against the two M.L.A.'s. This has only fanned the extremist agitation against which the Chief Minister has issued a stern warning. Is it not in the fitness of things that a secular state like India, should not give out of State funds grants to purely religious institutions? It is rather regrettable that such an issue should have been given a partisan colour and communal passions aroused over it.

Obsolete Rules

It may come as a surprise to many, but Bombay's Government hospitals are, as it were, closed to most of the middle classes unless persons with an income of a rupee more than Rs. 2,000 per year, are included in the middle classes. For with the present standards of prices, they really belong to the poorer classes. Even comparatively poorer sections of the public, are also practically shut out, under existing Government rules. This is an extra-ordinary position, for by no stretch of imagination can it be maintained that persons with incomes of Rs. 2,000 and slightly over can afford to go to specialists and pay for the treatment of the many diseases the flesh is heir to. Strangely enough, the rules were framed in the thirties of the present century, when a rupee was a rupee, and its purchasing power was not what it today is, viz. as. 4. Obviously, our rule-making authorities, after having framed the rules a couple of decades ago, forgot all about it, utterly oblivious to the changing economic conditions in the State of Bombay. Such facts as the intervention of the war which sent up the cost of living and the price structure by leaps and bounds, seem to have escaped the notice of the Government completely in respect of at least this rule.

Encouraging Deceit

But, it would be wrong categorically to state that this rule has caused general hardship to all middle classes. For, it can be easily circumvented, and has systematically, been by many all these years. An intending patient has only to make a declaration before the authorities-that-be-as a matter of fact none more exalted than the admission clerk that his salary is less than Rs. 2,000 per year. Even if such an applicant's salary is not Rs. 2,000 per year, but 2,000 per month, it makes no difference either to the hospital or to the rule making officials of the Government. There is no machinery to check and penalise a deliberately false statement of the person's income. Not even a perfunctory attempt is made to verify facts. In order therefore, to avail of the facilities which Government can offer through their hospitals, one has to be a liar. If on the other hand one speaks the truth and still pleads his inability to pay for expensive treatment from the specialists; one is undone; for, the rules are rules, and cannot be relaxed. Another way in which all these difficulties and hurdles are sometimes overcome is for an intending applicant for admission to go and pay an "honorary" his consultation fees. The man gets in as an in-patient, without much ado and all the amenities and appliances of the hospital are at his disposal. It is high time that the Government look into these anomalies and enacted suitable amendments: for, nothing could be farther from Government's mind than the shutting out of the needy sections of the people from the hospitals of the city. If nothing has so far been done to rectify the present absurd position, it is we are sure, due to oversight only. Government should look immediately into the matter of these anomalies. We hope Dr. M. D. D. Gilder, our Health Minister, will personally see to it. that this much needed relief to the lower middle classes, is not unnecessarily delayed.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

A Parallel

The following extract from a leading American Bank's monthly review affords a striking parallel to the conditions now prevailing in India, which may well be studied by our labour leaders and some of the Utopian ministers:—

"Despite the appalling disorganization and the wastage of war, the Labour candidates held forth alluring prospects of more leisure, more social welfare, and a higher standard of living generally to be realized by the people under a socialist regime. The method by which they hoped to better the lot of the average man was the redistribution of wealth—"fair shares for all." This was based on the presumption that there was plenty of wealth, and that all there was to do was distribute it."

"The moral of this is clear. The fine things that are promised by socialism and the Welfare State are not conjured out of the air. Somebody has to pay for them, and the process of robbing Peter to pay Paul can go only so far."

"The answer, then, must be that if society wants to distribute more it must produce more. There can be no hen-or-the-egg argument as to which comes first. In the words of Mr. Rupert Beckett, retiring chairman of the Westminster Bank of London, at his annual meeting last month: 'Of recent years we have witnessed a change from the conception of the State as the guarantor of a certain standard of material welfare. Much of the progress that has accompanied this change of idea has been entirely desirable in itself. But the Welfare State has been so far remained an organization for distribution; its productive function has not yet reached much consideration. The time has come when, if this latest Utopia is not to go the way of earlier models, attention must be transferred to the less attractive side.

—V. M. SARAIYA.

Librarians And Library Service

Time and again attempts have been made by well-known labour leaders like Mr. S. H. Jhabwala to express through newspaper columns the plight of librarians and library assistants in Bombay and elsewhere. Similarly efforts and appeals to some of the conscientious library workers too have gone unheard and uncared for. While recording our appreciation and satisfaction at the sufficiently adequate steps taken by the Central Government and a few Universities like Delhi for an all-round improvement effected on the basis of the recommendation of the Central Pay Commission in matters of the emoluments and the pay-scales of librarians befitting their technical qualifications, nothing is being done by the Governments of the Constituent States and public institutional authorities to move with the spirit of the times. The concept of libraries and library service has undergone a radical change and considering what is being done by the United States Information Service in Bombay and other cities of India in the field of library service and intelligence, one wonders why the Governments and other institutional authorities do not undertake to ensure an efficient library service of a like type divorced from its age-long conservative traditions. Especialy now that a development of libraries is set afoot in the State of Bombay one fails to understand why the libraries, inadequately staffed and unsystematically run as they happen to be at present, should not be placed solely in charge of technically trained persons. It is a pity to find that many of the information offices even do only make-believe work since they are not backed by an adequate library service, as was already voiced by Dr. S. R. Ranganathan, President of the Indian Library Association in his Presidential Address at the Nagpur Session of the All-India Library Conference. It would be a red-letter day in the annals of the library movement in India when the libraries would be "americanised" in matters of equipment, staff and their emoluments. As the library service has become a universal and vital agency of education under the sponsorship of the UNESCO, is it, therefore, not just and hence in the fairness of things if the library service should have one of the foremost places in the scale of priority? In the present condition of our libraries, an enquirer or a reader practically does not get what one wants when he "enquires within for everything."

—H. K. VYAS.

Might Is Right

Whatever the merits or demerits of the case of singing of "Deuchland Uber Alles" by Germans in the presence of Allied Commanders, one cannot but say that the action of these Commanders in not getting up was in bad taste. One of these Commanders is from a country whose nationals were our Masters till the other day, who made it their life mission to teach us then in season and out of season that it is one's duty to stand up to attention when the National Anthem of a country is being sung, if not for anything else, simply out of courtesy. May be this particular Commander never heard of such a thing. Or is it because there are two codes of conduct, one for the conquerors and the other for the vanquished?

—V. R. SHIRODKAR.

Smuggled Goods

In all the talk about India taking over the Portuguese territories in India, I do not hear about the vast amount of smuggling which prevails under the present status. Certain it is that a considerable traffic by native craft as well as land routes prevails. One has but to investigate the bazar of a city like Bombay, if he is trusted by the merchants, will be able to buy almost anything for cash, no bill or sales tax being given or required. How much revenue does India lose thereby.

—SIDNEY DAVIS.

Koliwada Firing

With reference to the report of Mr. Oscar Brown, the Chief Presidency Magistrate on the firing at Punjab Frontier Refugee Camp at Koliwada, we have to say with regret that it is not satisfactory. We never expected that the enquiry would be held in camera. The Chief Presidency Magistrate has not bothered to go to the root cause of the trouble. We also regret that the assurance that all parties to the dispute will be given a hearing was not adhered to. No mention has been made about the fact that Jana Singh Karamsing died 300 yards away from the scene of the trouble. No notice has been taken of the statements made by the Doctor and the driver of the People's Ambulance, who were present at the scene of the firing. No notice has been taken of the fact that a maid servant received a bullet wound sitting behind a barrack away from the direct line of firing.

The inmates of the Koliwada camp earnestly appeal for a public enquiry into this incident and request the Government to take over the camp into their own hands.

—SANTOSH SINGH,
Secretary, The West Punjab Refugees Union, Koliwada.

Success Of Literacy Campaign

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Dr. T. R. Naravane, presiding at a literacy certificate distribution meeting at Prabhadevi held under the auspices of the Bombay City Social Education Committee, congratulated the 500 Hindi speaking men who had passed the literacy test and advised them to become ideal law-abiding citizens of Free India. Sjt. K. B. Kasotia, Deputy Social Education Officer, giving an idea of the work of the Committee, said that the Committee had, during the last four months, made 10,000 adult men and women literate in the city. He appealed to the illiterates amongst the audience to join the 800 social education classes in larger numbers. Sjt. Jagdev Shanker Sharma also addressed the gathering, which dispersed late at night.

Refund Duty On Yarn Used For Export

BOMBAY, Wednesday (PTI).

The All India Exporters' Association, Bombay, has urged the Government of India to refund import duty on the quantity of rayon yarn used in the manufacture of exported fabrics.

This would stimulate the export trade and benefit the country's economy, particularly now that the export to Pakistan is open, the Association stated in a telegram to the Government of India's Commerce Ministry.

NEW WAR MAY BREAK OUT AT ANY TIME

U. S. Naval Commander's Grave Warning

SINGAPORE, May 3, (PTI-Reuter).

REAR Admiral Walter S. Boone, Commander of the United States Seventh Fleet, told reporters here today that a new war "might break out any time" with the world military and political situation as it is.

At a press conference on board his flagship, the aircraft carrier 'Boxer', he said he thought the many explosive situations prevailing might become major conflicts any day. Asked if the United States would use Singapore as a base in the vent of a third world war, Admiral Boone said: "If we are so unfortunate as to have another war I think we all recognise that the United States and Britain will be allied again and feel sure bases of each power would be used by the other as required.

The Admiral was speaking on the eve of the departure tomorrow of units of the Seventh Fleet, for the Philippines on their way back to America. They would be replaced, he said, by the aircraft carier Valley Forge, the heavy cruiser "Rochester" the light cruiser "Juneau", 10 destroyers, three submarines and auxiliary ships. He disclosed that the Valley Forge, would carry air-croup five, which for the first time in West Pacific waters would be equipped with jet fighters capable of operating day and night.

ANGLO-AMERICAN NAVY

Asked if after observation of the recent combined United States and Royal Navy manoeuvres in Philippines waters, he thought Anglo-American naval strength in the West Pacific sufficient to handle any emergency, Rear-Admiral Boone said he did not feel it was sufficient. He thought British naval commanders felt the same way He thought, however, they had all the strength that could be allotted at the present time out of the total forces available. He replied "yes", when asked if he thought British and American fleets would operate together in another war.

RUSSIA'S PROTEST TO MACARTHUR

Modernisation Of Bases In Japan

TOKYO, May 3. (PTI-Reuter).

LT. General Kuzma Derevyanko, Russian member of the Allied Council for Japan, today protested to Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander, against alleged reconstruction and modernization of former naval and air bases in Japan.

Gen. Derevyanko, in a letter to Gen. MacArthur, quoted reports from the official occupation newspaper Stars and Stripes and the Japanese Press as a basis for his protest.

He asked General MacArthur for information regarding bases, and said that any reconstruction would violate the Far Eastern Commission's policy.

Gen. Derevyanko quoted reports that Yokusuka had been reconstructed into a powerful naval base.

MILITARY PROGRAMME

He objected to what he said were published statements in Stars and Stripes that the Japanese naval bases of Yokosuka, Kure and Sasebo, together with those on the islands of Okinawa and Guam offered a "formidable combination for forward operations in the event of hostilities in the Far East".

He protested that large military programme was under way at Okinawa, and that published reports stated airfields had been constructed "from Hokkaido (northern most island of Japan) to Kyushu (southern most island), with concrete runways to accommodate the largest bombers".

The protest closely follows a Japanese May Day rally resolution calling for independence, and refusal of bases to foreign powers.

A no-confidence motion on similar lines against the Government headed by Mr. Shigeru Yoshida was defeated in the Diet the same day.

Arms Law Tightened In Hong Kong

HONG KONG, May 3 (PTI-Reuter): Sir Alexander Grantham, Governor of Hong Kong, today tightened regulations against illegal possession of arms and explosives in the colony, secene of six exposion incidents in the past four days.

The Governor ordered enforcement of sixteen emergency regulations, approved by the Legislative Council during the past year, providing penalties up to life imprisonment for persons convicted of illegally possessing firearms and explosives.

Moluccas Rebels In A Tough Mood

DJAKARTA, May 3 (PTI-Reuter): Leaders of the separatist movement which last week proclaimed an "independent Republic of the South Moluccas" refused to see a Federal Government mission when it arrived at Ambon Bay, a Defence Ministry spokesman said here today.

The mission, on board the Indonesian Navy corvette Hang Twa, is calling at other islands in the Moluccas group before returning to Macassar, East Indonesian capital.

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON OCTOBER
NEW YORK, May 3.

Previous Closing	31.53
Today's Opening	31.52
Difference	—1
Today's Closing	31.53
Difference	Nil

LAST QUOTATIONS

	BOMBAY, May 3. BOMBAY, May 3.
Silver forward	Rs. 186 2
Gold forward	Rs. 117 14
Silver Bullion	Rs. 192 2
Silver Mint	Rs. 192 8
Gold ready	Rs. 119 0
Sovereign	Rs. 77 0

NEW YORK STOCKS

NEW YORK, May 3 (PTI-Reuter).

New York Stock Exchange opening prices::

Anaconda copper mining 30-1/2, General Motors 85-3/4, U.S. Steel common 32-1/4, ex dividend, ditto Preference unquoted.

Stop Press

FUND REJECTS

WASHINGTON, May 3, (PTI-Reuter): The Executive Board of the International Monetary Fund today recommended the rejection of South Africa's proposal to increase the price of gold. Its present price is 35 dollars an ounce.

The Board also recommended the rejection of South Africa's proposal to allow gold-prodcing countries to sell half their gold output at whatever price could be obtained above the pegged rate.

Technical Training Centres

BOMBAY EFFORTS FOR RESETTLEMENT

POONA, May 3, (PTI): Four technical training centres at Bombay, Poona and Kolhapur, with accommodation for 1 200 students and facilities for over 30 technical and vocational trades, are now being run in Bombay State by the Directorate-General of Resettlement and Employment under the technical and vocational training scheme for adult civilians of the Ministry of Labour.

Revealing this Mr. M. P. Gulrajani, Regional Director of Resettlement and Employment, said in Poona today, that 434 of the seats had been filled, since the scheme was inaugurated last month, and they hoped that the remaining vacancies would be filled before the end of the month.

He added, that whilst no guarantee of employment was held out to the trained students, the industrial development of the country should provide ample opportunities to them for securing suitable jobs. The courses had been chosen carefully taking into consideration the data gathered by the Employment Exchanges on the possible opening in industrial field in the near future.

The technical courses were of two years duration and the vocational ones of one year. Trainers would be provided with free training, free accommodation except in Bombay free medical aid, sporting amenities and working clothes.

Senator Pepper Defeated

MIAMI (Florida), May 3, (PTI-Reuter): George Smathers, 36-year old ex-marine officer and a member of the House of Representatives defeated New Dealer Senator Claude Pepper in Democratic Party's primary elections for the Senate in this State.

This means that Smathers' will go forward as Democrat candidate in the next senatorial elections. Mr. Smathers, who is opposed to many items in President Truman's programme, had a lead of 60,000 votes with 75 per cent of the return in. The nomination is equivalent to election due to the overwhelming Democratic vote in the State. Senator Pepper has been a member of the Senate for the past 14 years.

DR. ROY VISITS ORISSA TRANSIT CAMP

CUTTACK, May 3, (PTI): Dr. B. C. Roy, Chief Minister of West Bengal, accompanied by Mr. Bhupati Mazumdar, Irrigation Minister, and Mrs. Renuka Roy, today visited the Amarda Road refugee transit camp. They were received at the aerodrome by the Chief Minister of Orissa, Mr. Hare Krishna Mahatab who had earlier arrived at Amarda from Calcutta.

Addressing the refugees at the camp Dr. Roy recalled the longstanding ties between Bengal and Orissa. There was, therefore, no reason why the refugees should consider themselves as strangers in Orissa, he said. Dr. Roy asked them to face boldly the situation and with the help of the Government to resettle themselves in the normal life of the country.

PAK EDITORS PAY HOMAGE

Wreaths At Rajghat

NEW DELHI, May 3 (P.T.I.): The President and members of the Pakistan Newspaper Editors' Conference now in Delhi today visited Mahatma Gandhi's "Samadhi" at Rajghat and placed floral wreaths as a mark of respect to the Father of the Nation.

Pir Ali Mohammad Rashidi, President of the P.N.E.C., was the first to lay the wreath and was followed by other members of the Party. Rose petals were sprayed on the Samadhi by the party and two minutes' silence was observed.

The party was taken round by Mr. J. N. Sahni. It was received at Rajghat by Mr. Deshbandhu Gupta and officials of the Government.

MYSTERY BILL IN AUSTRALIA

Constitution To Be Amended

CANBERRA, May 3 (PTI-Reuter): The Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Robert Menzies, gave notice in the Australian House of Representatives today that he would introduce a bill tomorrow to amend the constitution with relation to the Senate. He gave no clue to the nature of the measure.

The controversial bill to dissolve the Australian Communist Party, now before the Lower House—which has a Liberal-Country Party majority—can be blocked by the Labour majority in the Senate though Labour has yet to define its attitude on the issue.

According to a Melbourne Heral correspondent, ministerial circles stated that the constitutional bill to be introduced tomorrow is intended to anticipate a double dissolution of Parliament and to prevent the possibility of deadlock afterwards.

The corespondent said it was understood the proposed amendment to the constitution would abandon proportional voting and restore preferential voting for the Senate.

Cambodia Gets Set Of New Ministers

PARIS, May 3 (PTI-Reuter): King Nordom Sihanouk, of Cambodia, southwestern Indo-China, who has taken over provisional leadership of his Government "owing to the seriousness of the home situation", today named his new Ministers, according to a French Press Agency message from Indo-China.

The King said that his new Government, composed of men of high prestige and wide political experience, would prepare for the formation of a Government when the reconciliation of parties had been achieved.

Reports last month said that there was unrest in the south-western parts of Cambodia, where nationalist leaders were demanding the state's full independence from France.

France granted Cambodia independence within the French Union four months ago.

Russia's New Loan

LONDON, May 3 (PTI-Reuter): The Soviet Government has decided to issue a twenty thousand million roubles loan, Moscow Radio said today.

It will be known as "fifth state loan for economic reconstruction and development."

At the nominal exchange rate fixed when the rouble was revalued last March, the loan will total about 1,786 million sterling.

Repayable in twenty years' it is a lottery loan, the radio added. Both the bonds and prize money will be exempt from state and local taxation.

Enquiry Into Explosion

PATIALA, May 3, (PTI): The Deputy Commissioner of Patiala has been deputed to enquire into the cause of the explosion in the Quila Mubarik Fort on Monday last, a PEPSU Government press note said today.

BUDDHISM ON THE RISE IN EUROPE AND U.S.

British Convert Laments Growth Of Schools And Sects

LONDON, May 3. (PTI-Reuter).

FAMOUS British lawyer and Buddhist convert, Mr. Christman Humphreys, lamented in London last night that but for its many different schools and sects, Buddhism could be a dominant factor in world peace.

Listening to him were little groups of Buddhists from India, Burma, Ceylon, China, Japan, Korea and Siam.

With British friends, they filled a public hall as they celebrated Visak, which marks the birth, enlightenment and death of Buddha.

Mr. Humphreys said that the Buddhist Society which he founded 25 years ago, working without thought of any particular school, had compiled on one sheet of paper enough Buddhism to last a man a life-time. This synthesis had been accepted by leading minds all over the Buddhist world.

THEIR INFLUENCE

The writings of some of the western Buddhists had had an influence out of all proportion to what was intended. Such was the power of thought that a few hundred, possibly a few thousand, Buddhists in the west might be playing a decisive part in the revival of Buddhism throughout the east.

"I have never believed that the Western World would become Buddhist", Mr. Humphreys declared. "I would not have it so. Religions are born and die, but the wisdom behind them goes on."

Mr. Humphreys revealed that there were now so many Buddhist groups in the United States of America that the Society had to have a special American Secretary to keep track of them and tell them about each other.

In Chicago alone, there were three large Buddhist temples. Elsewhere were many hundreds. Britain has not yet a Buddhist monastery, but a fund now exists for founding one in or near London.

A PRINCE SITS

On the platform last night besides a gilded shrine decorated with spring flowers, sat Prince Sudha Svasti of Siam, and two saffron-robed Buddhist monks from Burma.

Red Sympathisers In America

F.B.I. CHIEF ESTIMATES THEM AT FIVE LAKHS

NEW YORK, May 3 (PTI): The Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, estimated here that there were about 500,000 Communist sympathisers in the United States who were "ready to do the Communist bidding". Mr. Hoover said that the main strength of the Communist Party lay in its fellow travellers, who, he said, were "gnawing away like termites at the very foundations of American society". Reporting that the Communist Party in the United States numbered about 55,000 Mr. Hoover declared that their strength could not be measured "in just so many figures" because of the work done by fellow-travellers.

Mr. Hoover gave this warning in an address prepared for a meeting of the Masonic Grand Lodge of New York, which awarded him its medal for distinguished achievement.

Bold Bid To Rescue Arrested Reds

(From Our Correspondent)

ALLAHABAD, May 3.

CHABBU, formerly a Congressman who recently became a Communist was knocked down by a bullet fired by police in Basti District, when some Communists assisted by villagers tried to rescue their comrades, who were under arrest. It is said that Chabbu made bold bid to bolt away with a gun snatched from a constable.

The Communists despite order of Section 144 C.P.C. wanted to hold "Anti-Zamindari Abolition Fund" meeting in village Chetania. Police arrested five leading Communists when they were taken to 'thana', the police party was attacked by villagers at Jagdish Ghat, and rescued two Communists.

Almost 50 to 60 villages have become storm centre of Communists. They have built pocket resistance in some villages of Gorakhpur district.

TIGHTEN GRIP OVER FOOD RESOURCES

Prof. Ranga's Appeal To Government

NEW DELHI, May 3 (UPI) Prof. N.G. Ranga, M.P., President of the Bharat Kisan Sammelan, asks the Food Ministry, Government of India, to tight their grip over the food resources of the country and co-operate with the people in the relaxation of food controls and in liberating more and more towns which are in surplus areas from the "corruption and blackmarketing."

Endorsing the recommendation of the Foodgrains Investigation Committee under the presidentship of Pandit L. K. Mitra that "a progressive relaxation of food controls is desirable" and that "in the interim period, only industrial and deficit areas and large cities should be governed by statutory rationing, while the other vulnerable areas should be served by cheap subsidized shops to keep a cheque on prices", Prof. Ranga says, "this is just the view that I have been pressing, but in vain, the Food Department for the last three years and the Twenty-five Member Committee of the Congress Party in the Parliament, of which I happen to be the Chairman, as well as the rural peoples federation and the Bharat Kisan Summelan have recommended.

MADRAS STRENGTHENS POLICE STAFF

Measures Against Reds

MADRAS, May 3, (PTI): The Madras Government are undertaking a general strengthening of police staff and opening more police stations in the Krishna district, to combat lawlessness in the area, it is officially learnt.

The appointment of three additional Deputy Superintendents of police, eight circle inspectors, thirteen sub-inspectors, thirty head constables and 230 constables has been sanctioned by the Government. The Government have also sanctioned two police sub-divisional offices and eight crime circles, four additional police stations and the conversion of two outposts into police stations and the opening of an additional outpost in Krishna district.

Red Absconder Shot Dead

VIJAYAWADA, May 3 (UPI): A communist who had been absconding for one year was shot dead in a police Communist encounter between Tenali and Sultanabad in the early hours of May 1.

It is stated that on receipt of information that some absoconding Communists of Guntur district were hiding in the field between Tenali and Sultanabad, a police party was sent out to raid the place. As news reached that the police were closing in, the Communists desperately opened fire. In the encounter that ensured one of the Communists was killed.

U. P. Zamindari Abolition Bill

LUCKNOW, May 3, (PTI): The Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly today adopted clause 13 of the U. P. Zamindari Abolition and Land Reforms Bill which confers right of hereditary tenants on the tenants of 'sir' land paying land revenue mo than Rs. 250 annually.

The House also approved an amendment by Mr. Aizaz Rasul (Democratic Party) which sought to exclude "sir" tenants of eight categories of zamindars includig women, minor, persons, in detention or imprisonment from the right of becoming hereditory tenants granted under clause 13.

NEWS BRIEFS

POTATOES ROT: Nearly 570 maunds of Potatoes were found unfit for human consumption at the railway goods shed at Howrah. Dr. P. K. Dutta, Assistant Health Officer, Howrah Municipality, ordered the same to be destroyed.

BETTER UNION: The Working Committee of the All India Students' Congress will meet at Allahabad on May 6 and 7 next to discuss the formation of an All-India United Student Organisation, the General Secretary of the organisation announced in Calcutta on Wednesday.

SUMMER CRUISE: The Indian Naval Squadron consisting of the flagship I.N.S. Delhi, the Destroyer Flotilla and the Frigate Flotilla will leave Bombay on its summer cruise on May 29 and will reach Cochin on June 1.

CODE TELEGRAMS: The Overseas Communications Service announced Wednesday that telegrams in code are now permitted to and from Nicaragua.

STUDY TOUR: Shri Shankarrao Deo, General Secretary, Indian National Congress, is likely to undertake an extensive tour of East Bengal during the last week of this month to study the situation there with special reference to the condition of the minorities after the Nehru-Liaquat Agreement.

MULTI-SPINDLE CHARKHA. A multi-spindle charkha, similar to the Japanese model now being exhibited at New Delhi, with some modifications, is being prepared for experimental purposes by the Textile Expert, Madhya Pradesh, it is learnt.

SIKKIM WEDDING: The marriage of Maharaj Kumari Pema Choki, second daughter of the Maharaja of Sikkim with Kushoo Rinzing Tsetan, eldest son of Kungnoi Dzasa of Yapshi Youthok, Lasha (Tibet) was solemnised on Sunday last at the palace monastery. After the wedding a large number of guests including Prince Peter of Greece attended a reception arranged by the Maharaja.

LOSING BUSINESS: A local magistrate Wednesday sentenced a grocer to undergo two years' rigorous imprisonment and pay a fine of Rs. 1,000 for having charged ten annas over the controlled price for a tin of vegetable oil.

10,000 ACRES RECLAIMED

Progress In Surat

SURAT, May 3 (P.T.I.): Mr. M. K. Deshpande, Collector of Surat, told a press conference here, that about 10,000 acres of Government waste lands in the district were brought under the plough during 1949-50.

There are about 1,41,000 acres of waste land in the district besides "khar" and "kanjan" lands.

The Collector gave the following details regarding work done under the "Grow More Food" scheme.

One hundred and fifty new wells were constricted, while 28 old wells were repaired. A scheme for constructing 600 new wells and repairing 400 old wells by the end of June this year is being executed. So far about 1,85,000 rupees have been paid as Tagai for this purpose.

Sixteen thousand six hundred compost pits were dug in the rural areas, while 9,098 Bengali maunds of improved paddy seed were distributed.

Two lift irrigation schemes covering 1,200 acres at Kadod and Titwa have been completed.

Licence To Import Artificial Silk

BOMBAY, May 3 (PTI).

Mr. R. J. Euranza, Secretary of the Silk and Art Silk Mills Association, Bombay, stated here today that the Association was receiving a licence to import artificial silk yarn worth Rs. 156 lakhs from soft currency countries for January-June period.

Mr. Euranza said he had received a telegram today from the Chief Controller of Imports, stating that the licence was under issue "subject to certain conditions". The Association had applied for the licence on March 13. The soft currency countries from which artificial silk yarn could be imported at present were England, France, Italy and Holland.

PREROGATIVE OF DISSOLUTION

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the Crown to exercise the prerogative independent of the advice of his Ministers.

PRERGOATIVE OF DISSOLUTION

Anson in "Law and Custom of Constitution" says that the prerogative of dissolution is one which the King exercises on the advice, and at the request, of his Ministers and that a request is not refused".

Professor Keith has stated that "every consideration of constitutional propriety demands that it (i.e. the request for dissolution) be conceded. Dicey in His Law of Constitution says" a ministry placed in a minority by a vote of the Commons, have, in accordance, with received doctrine, a right to demand a dissolution of Parliament". The view of Sir Ivor Jennings, another authority on constitution is, that while the King's personal prerogative to refuse a dissolution is maintained in theory, it can hardly be exercised in practice. Besides, there is the convention that the King must accept the advice of the Prime Minister. Thus legal opinion is definitely against the King refusing a request for dissolution.

SUICIDE CLUB

Mr. Churchill sprang a surprise on his colleagues in the House of Commons, when in the course of a speech criticising the budget, he suggested that a coalition Government might yet be necessary as the only way of ending the parliamentary deadlock and avoiding national disaster. Sir Stafford Cripps threw cold water on the suggestion. Many Socialists believe that to enter Coalition with Tories will be for them joining the Suicide Club. The past experience in this matter is not very encouraging. The differences between the parties, as Lord Halifax said in the House of Lords, were too great to allow a common programme. There is definitely no demand for a coalition from the General Public. But if Tories were to act with restraint and not provoke hostilities, the present Labour Government might pay greater attention to their views. It is the Tories who want coalition, yet show no coalition spirit the fact is they want to get into power through, not General Election, but a coalition. The Socialists will not walk into the Tory trap.

TORY DEFEAT

As expected, the Opposition lost two critical divisions on budget voting. Both parties mustered the lame and sick for the battle of divisions. The Government managed to win by five votes against the combined opposition of Tories and Liberals. The "News Chronicle" calls this a travesty of democratic government, and says that the destinies of fifty million people should not depend upon the rise or fall of sick men's temperature. But it recognises that a new election in the immediate future will not solve the problem. The result of Dunbatonshire West bye-election makes this clear. The only thing that remains to be done is for both sides in National interest to adopt a policy of restraint. Mr. Eden, in his first speech in the new Parliament, said "the machinery of government must not be brought to a standstill. In such circumstances as these there can be no excuse for indulging in factious or fractious opposition". Yet this is precisely what the Tories have been doing. Since the new Parliament met on March 6, they have forced no less than eight divisions. But it is an open secret that Mr. Eden's wise counsel finds little hearing. Mr. Churchill has got his own idea of doing things. There is little doubt that election cannot be long delayed. But there is for the present important business to be transacted and financial business gone through. If the Tories are earnest about national interest, they should abandon factious or fractious opposition.

INDIAN MONKEYS

More than 100 of the 200 monkeys who left India for Britain on board the "Mahout" died from cold and rough voyage. One hundred were intended for Dudley zoo and the remainder were meant for Imperial Chemical Industry factory at Manchester for medical research. The zoo manager was able to collect only 41. They were shivering and the manager at once took them to a cafe and gave them hot milk. Later specially heated quarters were arranged. Every attempt is being made to keep them alive. It is not known if all steps were taken on the boat to avoid staggering casualities. There may be an enquiry.

LADY ASTOR

Lady Astor, known for her wit, addressed the undergraduate Conservatives at Oxford. This is what she said:

My speech has no beginning, no middle and it may never end.

When I came to England I did not come to stay. I came to hunt—a fox not a husband.

I was overpersuaded and married beneath me.

She quoted a comment by one of her sons. If mother was not in the House of Commons, she'd have been in the Salvation Army, and that would be worse.

Effective Measures Taken Against Communists

MADRAS MINISTER ASSURES

MADURA, May 2 (PTI).

Mr. B. Gopala Reddi, Madras Finance Minister, said here yesterday that the State Government had taken very strong and effective measures to put down "the Communist trouble" on the borders of Hyderabad, especially in Krishna and Guntur Districts, and that very soon they hoped to succeed.

Mr Reddy, who was addressing a public meeting said that in spite of strong police measures, Communists under cover of darkness attacked and killed unarmed men and women with a view to terrorising the people and creating anarchy.

It was really unfortunate, he said, that when there were large schemes to be undertaken to remove the poverty of the people. they were obliged to spend crores of rupees on security measures. The Government of India and the State Governments were together spending every year Rs. 220 crores to ward off external aggression and put down internal lawlessness. The State Government spent last year Rs. six and a half crores on Police Department alone, that was 11 per cent of the total revenue. Their schemes of education, irrigation and electricity on which the State Government were now concentrating would mean nothing unless there was absolute security in this country. Therefore, they had to spend large sums on police and magistracy.

Appealing to labour to achieve their goal of economic independence by non-violent methods, Mr. Reddy said labour could progress only if there was peace and all round prosperity in the country. "We want greater prosperity and greater progress so that we can get more taxes to be spent on beneficial schemes. I appeal to labour to strengthen the Congress which alone can deliver the goods," he said.

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COAL & COKE

Consumers of Coal and Coke in Greater Bombay, who have been already granted local permits by the Provincial Coal Controller, Bombay, for the purchase of coal or coke, are entitled to draw during the month of May, 1950, the following percentage of quotas against those Permits from the local dealers:

Steam Coal ..	100%
By-product (Foundry Hard) Coke ..	100%
Beehive (Deshi Bhatta) Coke (for industrial use only) ..	100%
Soft Coke. ..	135%

In addition those permit holders who have got Soft Coke permits are entitled to get 25% increased quota on demand from the dealers.

Consumers who are desirous of purchasing Steam Coal, Soft Coke Foundry Hard Coke, Coke Breeze or Deshi Bhatta or those who want an increased quota over and above the present allocations made to them may apply to the Provincial Coal Controller, Bo. 10, Queen's Barracks, Cooperage, Bombay, for the same.

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RATIONS FOR VISITORS

Advance foodgrains rations are available for visitors, who stay for a week. It has now been decided that "advance" foodgrains rations for visitors staying for four days or more also be permitted provided the host produces permanent foodgrains cards sufficient to cover the "advance" foodgrains units applied for.

Advance rations to such visitors will be at the rate of half the weekly quantum.

Applications must be made in a V (1) form at the Ward Rationing Office of the area.

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Dibai	Nagpur City
Etawah	Naini Tal
Faizabad	New Delhi
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Firozabad	Patna
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PUNJAB SPORTS QUALIFY FOR SEMI-FINAL

Uttar Pradesh Lose By Odd Goal In Three In Beighton Cup

CALCUTTA, May 3.

PUNJAB SPORTS, last year's runners up entered the semi-finals of the Beighton Cup Hockey Tournament this evening defeating Uttar Pradesh by two goals to one.

In a fast and exciting match Punjab Sports playing an unorthodox and hard hitting game repeated their last year's performance of defeating Uttar Pradesh. It was a costly slip for U.P. who were expected to win comfortably, having eliminated Calcutta Customs, the league champions.

B. R. Singh, the winners centre-forward, and D. Sethi, inside-left, played pluckily and often outplayed the visitors defence with their speed and classic stickwork. Prakash, centre-half frequently disconcerted the U.P. forwards by his crafty tackling.

Although the Punjabees were on the offensive with the start in the ninth minute Masiullah, Uttar Pradesh inside-left, missed an absolute sitter skying over the Punjab goal from a pass by John Baker, centre-forward. In the thirteenth minute Punjab Sports scored off a short corner. One U.P. defender partially cleared from Sarvan Singh's hit and Satpal, outside-right, scored from the rebound. U.P. retaliated and missed a couple of penalty corners. In the twenty-first minute Punjab Sports consolidated their position, B. R. Singh, centre-forward finding the net from a pass by Harjinder Singh, outside-left.

Uttar Pradesh retaliated in full force after the breather and in the fourth minute Kulwant Singh, Punjab goalie, saved from a feeble hit by Baker, centre-forward. In the eight minute-right, passed to Idris, inside-right, and the latter helped Baker to score with a stinging shot. Uttar Pradesh went all out for an equaliser and pressed hard but their efforts were of no avail.

Teams were:—

PUNJAB SPORTS: Kulwant Singh, Ajit Singh and Sarvan Singh: Atma Singh, Prakash and Inder Singh: Satpal, Amir Singh, B. R. Singh, D. Sethi and Harjinder Singh.

UTTAR PRADESH: Seth, Wahidullah and Hem Prakash: Abid Ali, Tahawwar Shah and Akhtar, Idris, Johnbaker, Masiullah and Bertie Tiwary.

UMPIRES: W. Scott and Sudhir Dutt.

MAZAGAON DOCKS "B" TRIUMPH

Junior Harwood Football League

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Only one match was played this evening in the fourth division of the Harwood Football League at the G.I.P. Railway Ground, Parel in which Mazagaon Dock's "B" beat New China Mills by three goals to nil.

The Mazagoan side are a clever young blooded side full of enthusiasm and they fully deserved to win. They were worth many more goals.

The first half saw Mazagoan Docks opened their account through Roacha and crossing over with this solitary goal lead Mazagoan Docks went on to score two more in the second period through Lobo to last out winners by 3 goals to nil.

"Plum" Warner New M. C. C. President

LONDON, May 3 (PTI-Reuter): Sir Pelham Warner was today appointed the new president of the Marylebone Cricket Club, the Games Governing Body.

He succeeds the Duke of Edinburg who nominated him.

Sir Pelham, known to everyone, in the cricket world as "plum", is 76 and is the game's most travelled personality. He was born in Trinidad in 1873.

Former England captain, M.C.C. test selector, including chairman, manager of the M.C.C. committee and M.C.C. trustee, and during the war secretary of M.C.C., Sir Pelham has devoted his life to the welfare of cricket.

He has played in Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, West Indies, North America, Egypt, Colombo, Portugal, South America, Argentina, Uruguay, Chile and Peru.

Lamotta Considering Defending World Title

NEW YORK May 3 (PTI-Reuter): World Middleweight Champion Jake Lamotta said today he was negotiating for a Title Fight in June.

Though no contract had been signed he had already started training for the bout.

Possible contenders mentioned were the Frenchmen, Robert Villemain and Laurent Dauthille: Rocky Graziano, Australian and Empire Champion Dave Sands, European and Italian Champion Tiserio Mitri, Tony Janiro and World Welterweight Champion Ray Robinson.

Lamotto has not defended his Title since he won it from the late Marcel Cerdan in Detroit last June.

British National Small-Bore Rifle Meeting

LONDON, May 3, (PTI-Reuter): An overseas team event is to be included for the first time in the British National Smallbore Rifle meeting at the Bisley Range, Surrey, in July. Competition is open to one team of four from each Colony or Dominion of the British Commonwealth. Sons and daughters of parents domiciled in a Dominion or Colony, who are resident in Britain for educational purposes, are entitled to shoot. The smallbore meeting precedes the National Rifle Association's Imperial Meeting, which includes the blue riband of rifle shooting—the King's Prize Competition.

Madras Hockey Team Suspended

MADRAS, May 3— Spencers Sports Club, a leading local team, will be removed from the list of members of the Madras Hockey Association.

This decision was taken at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Madras Hockey Association which met here last evening.

The cause of the disaffiliation seems to be certain letters addressed to the Association by the Spencers Sports Club.

Fourteen To Run In Great 'Jubilee' Handicap

LONDON, May 3, (PTI-Reuter): Fourteen final acceptors were announced today for the Great "Jubilee" Handicap, to be run over ten furlongs at Kempton Park, Saturday, May 13. They are, with weights:

Krakatao 8-12, Hyperbole 8-11, Moondust 8-11, Meysey Hampton 8-5, Pear Flower 8-4 Ballymacad 8-4, Goyuca 8-1, Deuces Wild 7-11, Jacobite 7-10, Sun Flame 7-5, Newobog 7-5, Sans Atout 7-4, Merchant of Venice 7-2 and Merry Rose 6-10.

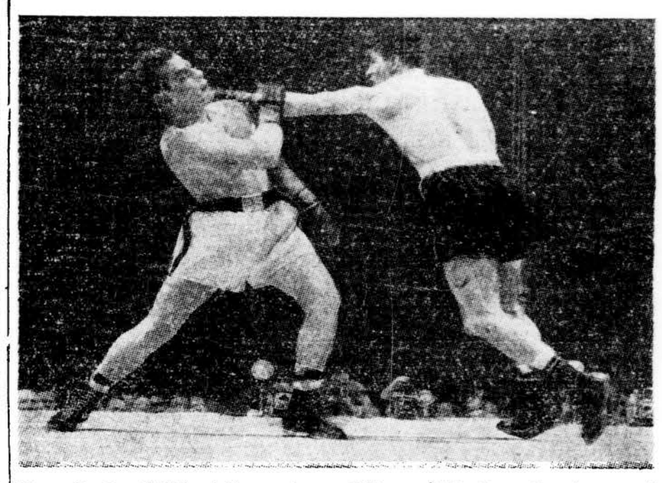
DAVE SANDS' RETURN BOUT WITH BROOKS

Singapore Board Approves Ten-Round Fight

SINGAPORE, May 3 (PTI-Reuter): Singapore Boxing Board of Control have officially approved an application by Indian Muslim Boxing promoter Abdul Razak to stage return ten round bout between Australian and Empire Middleweight Champion Dave Sands and Triple Champion of Orient "Boy" Brooks here on May 12.

In first fight on April 21 Sands won in four rounds.

U. S. Middleweight Boxers



Tony Janiro (left) of Youngstown, Ohio, and Rocky Graziano of Brooklyn, New York, U.S. middleweight boxers, are shown during their recent ten-round bout at Madison Square Garden, New York City. The bout was declared a draw by the referee and the judges—USIS photo.

CITY "A" FULLY EXTENDED BY LUSIS "A" IN EMAR CUP

Women's Hockey Provides Dull Fare Even In Semifinal

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Women's hockey tournament now being played at the Bombay Gymkhana for the Tommy Emar Gold Cup is now in the semi-final stage, but the competing teams seem to be fed up with hockey putting little life in the game. Bombay City "A" one time trophy hunters gave a very disappointing display against Lusitanians "A" to win by a solitary goal to enter the final where they await the winners of the Grey's "A" and City "B" semi-final.

One interesting fact was the capital blunders committed by Umpire Bhagwandas. He sometimes did not know which side the hit was against and on one occassion when an attacker made sticks first he hauled up the defender for kicks.

The winners were lucky to prevail by the narrowest margin although they had many scoring chances, but the Lusis also had their chances and they have to blame themselves for for losing the game. Yvonne D'Souza and Cecilia fumbled badly. Evelyn D'Souza was to be blamed for much selfish play which time and again put the other players out.

Mary D'Souza was the only Lusis player in the forward line to impress and her wonderful way of cutting across enabled her to send in some capital centres which were wasted.

The City extended themselves fully and except for Margaret Heaton the rest of the forwards had little dash. The defence were their usual selves.

Whether City "A" have degraded in form or the Lusis have improved considerably was in evidence or proof as the former were subjected to high pressure and their goal had two narrow escapes. Mary D'Souza ran down into circle but the ball was faster than her and Eileen Bamber rushed out and obstructed her. A short corner was awarded, but was wasted only at the expense of a free hit for kicks.

The free-hit proved dangerous for City for Cecilia D'Souza failed to make the best of it; the ball was cleared away and came back from a clearance by the full back Asteria. Elsa D'Souza got hold of it and ran close in, lent the ball after beating the goalie missed the other end of the post by inches.

In the twentieth minute of play after a short period of play in the Lusis half Margaret Heaton, the centre forward took hold of a misclearance by Asteria D'Sa and ran into circle to send in a fierce shot which beat Themi Talati only after passing through her pads to give the City a lead up to half time.

On resumption the Lusis were rather unlucky not to equalize. Evelyn D'Souza put Mary D'Souza to a fine run down the right flank. She then centred but Yvonne D'Souza failed to beat the onrushing Eileen Bomber from close in.

It was now a question of the Lusis gaining a replay or the City consolidating their position, but there was little life in the game to warrant any interest.

The teams were as follows:—

BOMBAY CITY "A": Eileen Bamber; Freda Freeman, Eve Edwards: Lilian Clock, Louise Lynn, June Thornber, Myra Elliott, Joan Arkhie, Margaret Heaton, Sheila Rodricks, Edna Bryant.

LUSITANIANS "A": Themi Talati: Esme D'Souza, Asteria D'Sa, Ethel Pereira, Pamela D'Souza, Yvonne Loveday, Mary D'Souza; Evelyn D'Souza, Yvonne D'Souza, Cecilia D'Souza, Elsa D'Souza.

UMPIRES: Bhagwandas and Nap. Mendonca.

W. I. F. A. TAKES STRONG ACTION

Solomon Suspended "Sine Die"

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Martin Solomon of St. Francis Goans earned the displeasure of the W.I.F.A. Committee and was the first to be suspended "sine die" this season for his dangerous play and ungentlemanly behaviour in the G.I.P. Railway vs. St. Francis Goans match in the semi-final of the Nadkarni Cup, Football Tournament played last week.

It may be recalled that in the second half of play Solomon was warned off the field by the referee for kicking Tambe on the back when he was not in possession of the ball. The Railway were in winning position at the moment.

HILL XI HELD TO A DRAW

Summersgill Cup Football Tourney

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Hill XI's senior string were concerned in a draw with Little Pioneers second string the Summersgill Cup Football Tournament now being played at the Cooperage. Both sides shared two goals in a rather tame encounter but most exciting for those who were kicking the leather about.

It is difficult to single out any particular player for mention for the Juniors instead of concentrating on combining well want to exhibit their skill at dribbling and banging the ball at their opponents without any sort of useful purpose being served.

It is doubtful whether a tournament run for Junior sides serves the purpose it is meant to as a tournament where Junior and young blood may be brought forward. In the past a coach was employed to train the boys and so to encourage the youngsters a tournament was held, but now the tournament has wondered among from this course.

Hill XI were the first to open their account through Tony D'Souza in the initial half and when it looked like a win for Hill's. N. Swamy scored the equalizer for the Pioneers of a penalty kick.

Extra time was played but to served no useful end and a draw was the correct index of the run of play.

The teams:

HILL XI "A"—Conny; Andrew, C. D'Souza: A. Pereira, E. Fernandes, M. Walles, A. Walles, J. Pereira, Tonny D'Souza, Michael, Nair.

LITTLE PIONEER'S "B":— S. Bannerjee; J. Sengupta, Choudhury, Bhattacharjee, Banerjee, Pakvasi, D'Souza, Ghatak, Swamy, Sen.

British Grant To Malaya

LONDON, May 3 (PTI-Reuter): The British Colonial Secretary, Mr. James Griffiths, told Parliament today that Britain had agreed to make a grant of £20,000,000 to Malaya for war damage compensation.

The British Government had also agreed to make an interest-free loan, if required, up to £18,500,000 for this purpose, he added.

Momentous Issues Before Olympic Congress

JAPAN AND GERMANY'S PARTICIPATION IN GAMES TO BE DECIDED

COPENHAGEN, May 3.

IMPORTANT decisions are expected to be taken at the Congress of the International Olympic Committee, due to begin here on May 15. Decisions made will affect the 1952 Olympic Games in Helsinki.

Though details of the Congress agenda have not been published, it is understood the questions to be discussed include:

(A) Re-entry of Jajan and Germany to the International Olympic Committee and their participation in the games.

(B) Possibility of holding some of the eliminating heats outside Finland, possibly in Denmark.

(C) Establishment of a hundred metres butterfly stroke swimming event.

(D) Reintroduction of archery.

(E) Establishment of a cross country event.

(F) Future of weight lifting in the games.

According to reports received here Finland has expressed a wish that the 1952 games should be on the same lines as the last games, held in London in 1948.

About 125 delegates from 24 countries are expected to attend the Congress.

The Soviet Union and satellite countries are not expected to be represented, but it was pointed out here today that this did not necessarily mean that these countries would not compete in the 1952 games.

The Executive Committee of the International Committee will start the Congress with a meeting on May 11.

President of this Committee is M. J. Sigfrid Edstroem, of Sweden.

Fred Daly Leads In British Golf

WENTWORTH, May 3 (PTI-Reuter).

Fred Daly, former British open and match play champion, today jumped into the lead at the end of two rounds in the Dunlop 90 holes golf tournament here.

A magnificent round of 69 on the more difficult West Course, added to his 69 on the East Course yesterday, gave him a 36 holes aggregate of quito lead the field by one stroke from Tom Halisurton, of North Middlesex, who had a round of 75 on the West Course today.

Arthur Lees, of Sunningdale, and Ken Bousfield, of Coombe Hill, each with aggregates 141 shared third place followed by Bobby Locke, South African holder of the British open title, and Charles Warnof (Little Aston), each with 142.

Ninety-eight players, includng one amateur, with totals of quito better qualified for the third round tomorrow. After the third round over the West Course the field will be further reduced to a maximum of 50 for the final 36 holes over the ame Course on Friday. All five rounds will count in the final aggregates.

WARWICKSHIRE OUT CHEAPLY

County Cricket In England

LONDON, May 3 (PTI-Reuter).

Warwickshire, whom many people believe will be well in the running for this season's county cricket championship, today were dismissed comparatively cheaply in their first competition game.

Put in by Hampshire, they found considerable difficulty in coping with the offbreaks of the amateur C. H. Knott and were all out for 61 after losing half their wickets for 101. Knott took four for 49.

Hampshire had 49 runs on the board in reply for the loss of two wickets, but lost four more men in adding 39 and finished 28 behind with four wickets in hand.

In the only other championship game starting today Sussex batting slowly, were at the wicket all day for 237 against Lancashire.

John Langridge, who began so well last year, was clean bowled for a "duck" by the second ball he received, but Donald Smith and George Cox, with 72 and 80 respectively, helped the total alone.

AT LORDS: M.C.C. VS. SURREY
Surrey 254, M.C.C. 76 for Wo.
AT CAMBRIDGE: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY VS. ESSEX
Essex 228 for six (Avery 67).

AT OXFORD: OXFORD UNIVERSITY VS. YORKSHIRE
Yorkshire 247 (Divecha, rightarm medium swing, five for Yr.)
Oxford University 57 for one.
AT NOTTINGHAM: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE VS. LEICESTERSHIRE
Two day friendly match:
Leicestershire 283 (Jackson 82).
Nottinghamshire 34 for two.
AT SOUTHAMPTON: HAMSHIRE VERSUS WARWICKSHIRE
Warwickshire 161, Hamshire 133 for 6.
AT HOVE: SUSSEX VERSUS LANCASHIRE
Sussex 237 (Cox 80). Lancashire to bat.
AT CARDIFF: GLAMORGAN VERSUS SOMERSET
Somerset 314 for 9 (Irish 76).

Exhibition Hockey Match At Calcutta

CALCUTTA, May 3.

In an exhibition hockey match arranged by the Bengal Hockey Association a Military Officers' Eleven defeated a Mohun Bagan Veterans team by one goal to nil.

Major-General S. B. S. Roy, playing as centre forward, scored the winning goal in the seventh minute. Captain Dhyan Chand appeared as inside-right for the Military.

The game was played in three chukkers and was supervised by Mr. Pankaj Gupta and Professor P. K. Roy.

HINDUSAN AIRCRAFT IN FINAL

Presidency Football In Madras

MADRAS, May 3, (PTI): The Hindustan Aircraft, Bangalore, qualified for the final of the Presidency Football Tournament here today, beating Grasshoppers a local team, by one goal to nil in extra-time. Inside right Pushpa was the scorer.

In the Day's Sport

HOCKEY

Bombay Gymkhana
5-50 p.m. Grey's 'A' vs. City 'B'
Emar Cup Semi-final)
FOOTBALL

Cooperage
4-30 p.m. Fort Harijan vs. Metal Box
(Summersgill Cup)
5-45 p.m. Amateurs vs. Tatas
(Practice)

Naigaum Police Ground
4-40 p.m. B. B. & C. I. 'B' vs. Crompton Parkinson
5-40 p.m. G. B. Police vs. N.E.I. Sports Club
(Junior Harwood League)

G.I.P. Railway Ground, Parel.
G.I.P. 'E' vs. Mahim Young Boys 'B'
(Junior Harwood League)

'Joke' Ends Up With A Police Enquiry

THE NOTE THAT CAME TO HINDU GYM. MEETING

BY THE SPORTS EDITOR

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

A STUPID practical joke by a member of the Parmanandas Jivandas Hindu Gymkhana, on the ocasion of the annual general meeting of this leading sporting institution held a fortnight ago, has had far greater repercussions than the perpetrator of this regrettable act had bargained for. What was obviously intended to be a "harmless joke" now forms the subject matter of an inquiry by the city police authorities.

A few days after the meeting, which was held on April 14, one of our readers, Mr. M. C. Bhandare, sent us a letter (reproduced below). The letter sheds a great deal of light on what transpired on that day.

Mr. Bhandare's Letter

Dear Sir—

It makes a sad reflection when one has to attend the kind of meeting I attended on Friday the 14th April. It was the Annual General Meeting of one of the oldest and leading sporting institutions in Bombay—the P. J. Hindu Gymkhana.

On the agenda were a few official resolutions, moved by some members of the Managing Committee which were calculated to bring greater fiancial burdens on those who in intended to become members of the institution in future. These resolutions were definitely against the aims and objects of the founders of this premier gymkhana, who intended it to be within easy reach of even the poorest class of society. Naturally these resolutions met with much opposition.

The first of these resolutions was thrown out by a large majority after a heated discusion lasting about an hour. Immediately after the very first official resoltuion was thus defeated, one of the joint honorary secretaries moved an adjournment motion, which the house rejected by an overwhelming majority. It was then 8-15 p.m. Hardly had ten minutes elaused after the adjournment motion was lost, when the President made a surprising announcement that he had received news that curfew had been imposed in the Kalbadevi and Girgaum areas, where nearly three-fourths of those present resided. The result of his announcement was what was naturally to be expected under the circumstances—a panicky dispersal of the meeting on the spot.

Neither the President nor the Jt. Honorary Secretary (both of whom incidentally are J.P.s) cared to ascertain the genuineness of the news. This announcement was most rash and imprudent specialy in view of the fact that no such curfew had been imposed in any locality either on the day in question or for many days before and after

.....

I understand there is a law against the spreading of such rumours which jeopardise the peace and trainquillity of not only our city but also of the country.

Bombay 17th April 1950.

From inquiries instituted in the official circles, it is learnt that the chairman of the meeting (who is also the president of the gymkhana) received an anonymous note, through the medium of a servant of the institution, which contained the alarming news that curfew had been imposed in the two areas mentioned in Mr. Bhandare's letter. The chairman, instead of doing the obvious thing of having the news checked from the police headquarters, immediately adjourned the meeting to the next day, and acting in good faith announced that the meeting next day would be held an hour and a half earlier, so as to enable the members to reach their places of residence before the hours of curfew.

When the members had gathered together the next day, there was naturally a great deal of resentment among them for by that time they had known that the whole thing was a huge hoax played upon the meeting. At the outset, on the second day, one of the prominent members of the gymkhana moved a resolution that the meeting be held at the original time to enable most of those who had left earlier the previous day to attend, since the change of the timing could not have been known to them. The chairman, it is understood, ruled the resolution out of order, and the meeting continued and the business on the agenda concluded on the same day.

In the meantime, one member of the gymkhana, who naturally felt outraged at this disgraceful practical joke which had sent panic through the couple of hundred people on the first day of the meeting, thought fit to bring the matter to the notice of the Police Commissioner. It is learnt that the Police Commissioner directed the police station, in whose jurisdiction the gymkhana lay, to take up the matter. The president, one of the honorary secretaries and a few members of the staff of the P. J. Hindu Gymkhana were questioned, and the original piece of paper which caused all this trouble was handed over to the authorities by the gymkhana officials. The identity of the member who sent the piece of paper was traced through the servant through whom the 'alarming' piece of news was conveyed, and it is learnt the police also questioned the member concerned.

In the meantime some fifty members of the gymkhana are reported to have sent in a requisition to the managing committee challenging the proceedings of the second day as "ultra vires." The managing committee at its meeting held on the 25th April to consider the issue raised, decided to seek the advice of the legal "pundits" on the matter. It is now definitely learnt that the managing commitee has been informed by some f the best knwn legal luminaries in the city, that the chairman had acted within his rights, when taking into consideration the extraordinary circumstances that cropped up on the 14th April on the first day of the annual general meeting, acting in good faith and for the welfare and safety of the large number of members, he ordered the meeting to be held earlier than the scheduled time on the following day, and that the proceedings of the second day were entirely in order.

BLACK HAZARD AND PETER DEAD-HEAT

Fourth Day Of Races At Ootacamund

OOTACAMUND, May 3.

Following are the results of fourth day's Ootacamund Meeting held this afternoon:—

THE ELK HILL PLATE—6 Furlongs

BARQ DAHMAN (Mr. G. A. Haji) 8-12 Khalil 1, SHARJEEL (Mr. P. Narayan Singh) 9-1 W. Tyrrell 2 AMAL AL SHABAB (Mrs. S. Hill) 9-4 Shankar 3, TAMADHIR (Mr. G. A. Haji) 8-8 Raut 4.

Not Run: Janab, Mandub, Al Gharb and Young Krush. Rest five ran.

Won by: Sh. hd. 3/4Ls and 3Ls.

Time: One mt. 27-1/5 seconds.

Tote Paid: Rs. 14 for Win Rs. 7-8 and Rs. 14 for places.

Winner trained by owner.

Favourite: Homazdiyar.

Beeting: Evens Momazdiyar, 3-1 against Barq Dahman 4-1 Sharjeel. Longer odds rest.

THE KOTAGIRI PLATE—1-1/4 Miles

ZEENA (Mr. James Mann) 9-4 W. Tyrrell 1, KALYAN (Mr. G. Narasimman) 8-1 Shanker 2, PATRICIA'S CHOICE (Mr. N. N. Varu) 9-3 Percival 3, CARPET (Mr. B. K. Raut) 7-4 Mehde 4.

Not Run: Pillar of Honour and Rubayat. Rest four ran.

Won by: Three lengths, three and half lengths and six lengths.

Time: Two minutes and 22 seconds.

Tote Paid: Rs. 7-8 for Win and Rs. 7-8 and Rs. 9 for places.

Winner trained by Khodayar.

Favourite: Zeena.

STAFF COLLEGE PLATE—7 Furlongs

BLACK HAZARD (Messr. K. M. George and Md. Hussain) 9-4, B. Mcquaede and PETER (Mr. R. Shamlan) 9-4 Percival Dead Heat 1. KHALAF AL HAWA (Mr. Maroof Farh) 8-2 Steven 3, NASSR DAUD (Mr. C. Tharani Singh) 8-6 Tyrell 4.

Not Run: Fariq, Mohsin Saud and The Best. Rest 7 ran.

Won by dead heat for first place, two lengths between deadheats and third and two and half lengths.

Time: 1 min. 43-4/5 seconds.

Tote paid: Rs. 6 on Peter and Rs. 8-8 on Black Hazard (Win) Rs. 5-8 on Peter Rs. 6 on Black Hazard and Rs. 8 Khalaf al Hawa places.

Winners trained by George and Shamlan.

Favourites: Peter and Black Hazard.

Betting: 3/2 Black Hazard and Peter 6/1 Nassr Daud and Longer odds rest.

THE NILGIRIS PLATE (Div. II) 6-1/2 Furlongs

POST TO POST (Mr. P. C. Reddy) 8-5 B. Mcquade 1, GAY COUNT (Mrs. P Rylands) 8-8 F. K. Black 2, KHILOUNA (Mr. James Mann) 7-4 W. Tyrrell 3. GINGER GIRL (Mrs. Sylvia Kerr) 9-6 Henderson 4.

Not Run: Catch Me, Golden Memory and Domnic's Girl. Rest 7 ran.

Won by: 1-1/2Ls. 1-1/4 Ls. and lengths.

Time: 1 min. 24-1/5 seconds.

Tote Paid: Rs. 11 for Win Rs. 5 Rs. 5 and Rs. 5 for places.

Winner trained by Irani.

Favourite: Post to Post.

Betting: 6/4 Post to Post 2/1 Gay Count 6/1 Khilouna Longer odds the rest.

(Message Incomplete)

GEOFF BROWN IN SEMI-FINAL

Beats Cernik In British Hard Court Tennis

BOURNEMOUTH, (Sussex), May 3, (PTI-Reuter): Geoff Brown, the ambidextrous Australian today became the first to enter the men's singles semi-finals in the British Hard Court Lawn Tennis Championships here.

Playing with great speed and control, he beat the former Czech Davis Cup player, Vladimir Cernik 6/3, 0/6, 6/4 in the quarter-final match played today.

In the third round matches Adrian Quist (Australia) Heraldo Weiss (Argentina) Peter Molly (Australia) and George Godsell (Britain) qualified for the quarter-finals.

PASTAKIA CUP FINAL ON SATURDAY

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Parsee Cyclists Sports Club and the Wellington Cricket Club will contest the fight-to-a-finish final of Framroze Pastakia Cup Cricket Tournament on Saturday 6th May starting at 3-0 p.m. on the former's Ground at Azad Maidan.

The rival teams will be selected from the following players:

PARSEE CYCLISTS SPORTS CLUB: D. R. Mody (Captain), K. Printer (Wicket Keeper), H. Dadachanji. R. D. Irani, S. Doctor, T. Shroff, N. Contractor, J. Meherhomji, Post Master, J. Mehta, R. Sethna, H. Billimoria, S. Nakra, K. Lalkaka, S. Elavia.

WELLINGTON CRICKET CLUB:— H. D. Korkhao (Captain). P. P. Patel (Wicket Keeper), B. E. Mistry, S. L. Shroff, A. J. Rutnagar, P. F. Pavri, P. R. Dastoor, S. B. Wadia, N. M. Billimoria, N. A. Sanjana, E. R. Mehta, F. P. Gandhi, Z. N. Ghobhai.

SHARES QUIETLY STEADY

Easier Tendency In Textiles

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Following Government of India's announcement to continue control on raw cotton, there was a slight set-back in the textile section of the local Stock Exchange today.

The general tendency of the market was one of quiet steadiness with Steels maintaining the overnight levels, with speculative support. Investors seemed to prefer a policy of wait and watch rather than going in for fresh commitments. Business was dull, and mostly of a jobbing nature and prices fluctuated within a very narrow range.

Bombay Dyeing which led the textile group opened ten points lower than the previous closing, at Rs. 1001-4 and after declining to Rs. 995 for lack of support, was quiet at that level. Kohinoor was quoted at Rs. 314-8 after opening at Rs. 315. Simplex, Swadeshi and Nagpur lost Re. 1 each, after opening at Rs. 202-8, Rs. 268-8 and Rsd. 232-8 respectively. Other textiles also showed a downward trend.

Tata Steel Deferred opened at Rs. 1722-8. Much of the speculative liquidation was absorbed, thanks to renewed support, and the scrip. after dwindling down to Rs. 1713-12, again rallied to Rs. 1725, to be steady at that level. Tata Ordinary was quoted at Rs. 335-8 opening at Rs. 334-8. Bengal Steel and Indian Iron were placed at Rs. 21-9 and Rs. 30-12 respectively.

The Miscellaneous group was also marked down slightly. Burma Old, which was quoted yesterday as high as Rs. 478, declined today to Rs. 469 and was steady at that level. Associated Cement changed hands at Rs. 155-12, and Bellapur was put through at Rs. 230 Scindia changed hands at Rs. 12-7 after opening slightly higher.

Banks were steady, Central being quoted at Rs. 84.

The gilt-edged section was dull and the three per cent Conversion Loan of 1986 found buyers at Rs. 96-15.

FORWARD SECTION

MILL SHARES

Bombay Dyeing (27-8) XD	997 6
Kohinoor Mills (21)	316 0
Svadeshi Mills (12-4)	269 4
Central India Mills (6)	231 8
Simplex Mills (6-8)	203 0
New Great Eastern (8)	143 0
Indore (8-3)	113 12
Gokak Mills (12) XD	252 0
Century Spinning (15)	246 4
Indian Bleaching (6)	157 3
Swan Mills (20)	306 0
Finlay Mills (15)	250 0
Morarji Goculdas (8)	150 0
Edward Sassoon (30)	210 10
Meyer (12)	88 12
Apollo Mills (As. 4)	2 15 9
India United Ord. (0-14-9)	111 14
India United Defd.	1 14
Madhusudan (15)	141 4
Podar (8)	128 12
Khatau Makanji (6)	156 4

STEEL SHARES

Tata Steel Ord. (14)	333 12
Tata Steel Defd. (64-15)	1716 4
Tata Steel 2nd Pref. (7-12)	144 0

CEMENT

Associated Cement (7) XD	155 12

INDUSTRIES

Burma (12-8) XD	467 8
Belapur Sugar (9)	231 0
Shivrajpur (1-8)	31 4
Scindia Steam (6-8)	12-8-6
Premier Construction	88 0
Tata Chemical	11 8
Tata Oil (2)	49 0
Indian Iron (0-12)	30 10
Bengal Steel (0-12-0)	21 6
British India Corp. (0-2)	8 13 6
Indian Copper	2 4 6
Wimco	230 0
Alcock	328 12

ELECTRIC SHARES

Tata Hydro (3) XD	154 0
Andhra Valley (30)	1406 4
Tata Power (25)	1520 0

CASH SECTION

COTTON MILLS

Elphinstone (5)	68 8
Phoenix (9)	140 0
Indian Mfg (40)	2950 0
Kurla XD	110 0
Colaba (12)	105 0
New City (11)	172 4
Minerva (12)	138 12
Bradbury (12)	585 10
Bharucha Defd. (0-4)	4 4
Bharat Mills (2)	28 0
Mysore (4)	160 10
Model Mills (13-8)	162 8
Lakshmi Cotton (25)	626 4
Vishnu Cotton (8)	207 8
Western India (40)	2925 0
Standard (15)	227 4
Sholapur (200)	3150 0
Sassoon Cotton Mills (0-8-0)	18 4
Hindustan Mills (40)	2950 0
Tata Mills (2-4)	47 0
Ahmedabad Advance (9)	230 0
Sassoon Silk	34 4
New Union Mills (0-8)	18 4
Madhusudan S. (2-5)	32 0
Srinivas Mills (8)	173 12
Raja Bahadur (4)	54 0
Berar Mils	261 14
Victoria Mills	225 0

ELECTRIC (CASH)

Ahmedabad Electric (1-8) XD	124 6
Ahmedabad New XD	99 0
Surat Electric	133 2
Karachi Electric (2)	127 8
Broach (0-5)	6 6
Ajmer Electricity (0-8)	10 1
Amalgamated	11 4
Nagpur Electricity (1-12)	28 8
Poona Electric Supply (8)	136 4
Bombay Suburban (8)	152 14
Bombay Suburban New	145 10

BANK SHARES

Imperial Bank of India	1810 0
Imperial Bank P (0-12)	446 4
Central Bank	84 8
Central Bank New (1-8)	84 8
Bank of India (4) XD	177 0
Union (0-3)	7 6
Baroda (2-3) XD	120 0
Devkaran Nanjee Bank (1-8)	37 8
United Commercial (1-2)	45 8
Jaipur Bank (18-0)	31 8
Hindustan Commercial	17 0
Mysore Bank (8)	365 0
Eastern Bank (0-14-9)	90 0

INSURANCE SHARES

Oriental (125)	4750 0
Empire (10)	571 4
New India (1-7)	64 0
Jupiter (0-12)	12 12
Vulcan (0-10)	13 7
Indian Mercantile (0-4)	38 8
Universal	9 0
BIG (1)	17 0
Industrial and Prudential	28 4
Neptune	7 0
All India General	12 12
New Great	15 0

RAILWAY SHARES

C. P. (1-14) XD	112 12

MISCELLANEOUS SHARES

Steamer (10)	230 0
Bombay Burma New (5)	158 2
Burma Petrol	1-11-3
Mackenzie (6)	90 0
Port Canning (3)	56 4
Kemp and Co. (20)	298 12
Zandu Pharmacy (7)	100 0
Industrial Invest Trust (5-12)	84 12
Dharamsey Chemical (2)	54 0
Mukund Iron	4 6
Dena Trust (0-12)	14 0
Alembic (15)	146 4
Supreme Industries	72 8
Bombay Uganda	67 8
Bombay Motor Cycle	27 8
Indian Cement (1937)	20 0
Walchand Nagar Industries B.S.)	153 2
United Motor	28 0
Bombay Safe Deposit (27)	775 0
Hydary Construction	19 10
Mahamadi Steam	100 0
Gujarat Motor	26 14
Sardar Carbonic XD	700 0
Harvey Press	310 0
Estrella Batteries	30 0
National Rayon	48 4

PREFERENCE SHARES

Tata Steel 1st (6)	198 12
Andhra Valley (7)	1232 8
Tata Power (7-8)	1312 8
Hydro Electric (7) XD	125 0
Bombay Steamer (6)	231 4
Central India (5)	651 4
Swedish Mills	130 0
Vishnu Mills (7)	672 8
Laxmi	275 0
New Great Mills (5-8)	220 4
Podar Mills (4)	95 0
Shrinivas Mills	98 0
Elphinstone Mills (7)	108 12
Bradbury Mills (7-8)	334 4
Surat Electricity (3-4)	135 0
Pre. Construction First	99 8
Pre Construction 2nd Pref.	98 0
Amalgamated	115 0
India	72 0
Tata Chemical	126 4
Walchandnagar	1130 0
Jupiter	12 15
Supreme	100 0
Meyer	102 8
Mackenzie First	92 0
Mackenzie (2)	85 0
Ahmedabad Advance	127 8
Mysore Mill	41 0
Standard	99 0
Madhusudan	12 0
Khatau	100 0
Morarji	94 8
National Rayon	69 8

DEBENTURES

Andhra 1952	101 4
Rubber Planting	17 0
Bombay Steamer	98 8
Indian Hume Pipe	101 0
Tata Power 1951	101 0
Walchandnagar	106 0

OUTSIDE SHARES

Burma Corporation	3-1-6
New Victoria	2 4
New Victoria Pref.	4 6
Phalton	90 0
Gold Mohar	285 0
New Kaiser-i-Hind	325 0
Sajjan X R C.D.	101 0
Osmanshahi X.R. C.D.	125 0
Ajam Shahi	4 4
Air Service	65 0
Air India	5 8
Hind Motor	7-1-6
India Steam	

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, May 3.

Apollo 2-15-9
B. Dyeing 1001-4 995 98-12 97-8
C. India 232-8 31-8
Century 246-4
E. Textiles 210-10 (Ex Div)
Elphinstone Ord. 68-8
Elphinstone Pref. 108-12
Finlay 250
Gokak 253-8 51 53-8 52
I. U. Defd. 1-14
I. U. Ord. 11-14
Indore 113-12
Kohinoor 315-8 14-8 16-12 16
Laxmi 626-4
New Union 18-4
Simplex 202-8 1-8 2-8 1-8 3
Svadeshi 268-8 68 70 69-4
Tata Mills 47-4 47
Vishnu 207-8
Scindia 12-8-6 12-5 12-6-6
Baroda 120
Central 84
Central New 84-4
Imperial Old 1710
Imperial New 446-4
India 177-8 77
Union 7-5 7-4 7-5
U. Commercial 45-8
Ahmedabad 125 24-6.
Andhra 1403-12 6-4.
Suburban 151-14.
Hydro 154.
Power 1522-8 20.
New India 64.
Oriental 4750 70.
B. Steel 21-9 21-7 21-9 21-7
I. Iron 30-12 30-11 30-13 30-10 30-12 30-11.
Tata Defd. 1722-8 13-12 25 13-12 23-12 16-4.
Tata Ord. 334-8 34 35-8 33-4 34-12 33-12.
Tata 1st Pref. 200.
Tata 2nd Pref. 143-12 44 43-8 44.
Alcock 330.
A. C. C. 156-8 55-8 56 55-12.
Belapur 230-8 30 31.
B. B. Old 472-8 75 66-4 68-12 67-8
B. B. New 160 58-2.
B. B. Petrol 1-9-8 1-9 1-11-3.
B. I. C. 8-13.
Dharamsey 53 54.
I. Copper 2-4-6
Port Canning 55-8 56.
P. Const. 88-8 88.
Shivrajpur 30-8 31-4.
Tata Chem. 11-8.
Tata Oil 48-12 49.
Wimco 230.

SPECIAL

Ahmedabad Elec. New 98.
Broach Electric 6-6.

GOLD AND SILVER

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Bombay Bullion market, after the monthly settlement ruled steady today, on bull support and short covering.

Trading commenced in the new delivery in Forward Silver at Rs. 185 and advanced upto Rs. 186. Ready Silver was quoted at Rs. 190.

Forward Gold opened at Rs. 117-8 and advanced upto Rs. 117-12, at which level it was steady. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 119.

Sovereigns were placed at Rs. 77.

Later a sided movement was noticed in both the metals. Forward silver, under heavy speculative liquidation, declined to Rs. 184-14. With fresh bull support coming at this stage it again looked up to Rs. 186-4, the highest level of the day and closed firm at the same level. Ready silver was quoted Rs. 6 higher. Forward gold fluctuated for long between Rs. 117-8 and Rs. 117-11. With bull support coming at a later stage, the price rose to Rs. 117-14, and finished at that level. Ready gold stood at Rs. 119-6. Following were the closing quotations:—

	Rs. As.
Forward Gold	117 14
Ready Gold	119 6
Forward Silver	186 4
Ready Silver	194 4
Sovereign	77 4

GOVERNMENT LOANS

BOMBAY, May 3.

2 1/2	per cent	1954	94 14 0
2 1/2	per cent	1950	100 0 0
2 1/2	per cent	1955	99 14 0
2 1/2	per cent	1961	97 1 0
2 1/2	per cent	1950	99 9 0
2 3/4	per cent	1962	99 4 0
2 3/4	per cent	1973	95 12 0
2	per cent	Con.	96 15 0
3	per cent	1951-54	101 3 0
3	per cent	1952-55	101 10 0
3	per cent	1957	101 9 0
3	per cent	1950-51	101 5 0
3	per cent	1963-65	100 6 0
3	per cent	1966-68	100 2 0
3	per cent	1970-75	100 0 0
2 1/2	per cent	1954-59	104 0 0
3 1/2	per cent	1950-70	110 2 0
4 1/2	per cent	1950-55	100 12 0
4 1/2	per cent	1958-60	110 4 0
4 1/2	per cent	1953-56	112 10 0

PROVINCIAL LOANS

3	per cent	Bombay 1962	99 5 0
2 3/4	per cent	C. P 1961	97 2 0
2 3/4	per cent	Madras 1981	97 2 0
3	per cent	Bombay 1955	100 8 0
3	per cent	Bombay 1958	100 4 0
3	per cent	Punjab 1952	100 0 0
3	per cent	Madras 1952-53	100 8 0
3	per cent	C. P. 1952	100 6 0
3	per cent	U. P 1952	100 6 0
3	per cent	N.-W.-F 1952	98 2 0
3	per cent	U P 1901-68	99 8 0
3 1/4	per cent	Municipal 1977	98 9 0
4	per cent	B.P.I. long dated	110 0 0
4	per cent	Bombay Muni.	109 12 0
5	per cent	Bombay Muni 1959	113 8 0
6	per cent	K. P T. 1950	113 0 0

TATA IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTION

Messrs. Tata Industries Ltd. Managing Agents for the Tata Iron and Steel Co. Ltd. report that the total approximate production of Iron and Steel at the Steel Works at Jamshedpur during the month of April 1950 was:—

	Tons
Pig Iron	89,900
Steel Ingots	90,300

FINISHED STEEL

Semis for sale 14,500
Finished 44,500
Total 59,000.

ALEXANDRIA COTTON

ALEXANDRIA, May 2

KARNAK—	
May	76.80+05
July	77.75—65
November	73.35—20
ASHMOUNI—	
June	112.00+275
August	79.00—330
October	64.10— 50

Indore Share Market

(From Our Correspondent.)

INDORE, May 3.

Following were final quotations in rupees on Indore Stock Exchange today.

Indore-Malwa Mill 107, Hukamchand Mill 460, Bhandari Mill 575, Vinod Mills 310, Kalyanmal Mill 70, Kalyanmal Mill Preference 81, Rajkumar Mill 102 Indore Bank 61.

On Indore Bullion Exchange forward gold opened at Rs. 118-10, highest touched 118-12, lowest 118-7, and closed 118-10.

On Indore Bader Sarafa Association forward silver commenced at Rs. 186. highest touched 187-12, lowest reached 186 and closed 187-11.

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The local produce market ruled quietly steady. Business was dull, and prices were marked down slightly. Following were the quotations when the market closed for the day.

GROUNDNUTS			
Khandesh Quality Ready	43	12	0
Khandesh Quality Ready	43	10	0
Bold Ready	42	12	0
Oil Bombay Mills	23	10	0
Oil Upcountry Mills	23	2	0
Oil May	23	4	0
Oil June	23	4	0
LINSEED			
Bold Ready	37	0	0
Small Satna	35	14	0
April-May	35	14	0
Oil June	21	2	0
CASTORSEEDS			
Castorseeds Ready	27	10	0
Madras Ready	27	14	0
May	28	6	0
June	28	6	0

Calcutta Stock Exchange

CALCUTTA, May 3 (PTI).

The market ruled firm with regard to coal, tea and jute shares while the more speculative stocks were a shade quiet due to profit-taking.

Government securities kept steady and unchanged.

Following are today's final transactions upto 3 p.m.:

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES Three per cent loan 1986 97-1, three per cent loan 1953-55 101-5, S L Three per cent loan 1963-65 100-2 S Lot Three per cent loan 1970-75 99-12 S L.

BANKS: Central 83-4 Imperial fully paid 1800 Ditto Conty 430 United Commercial 46.

COTTONS: Elgin Mills 16-9 New Victoria Ord. 2-5 Ditto Pref. 4-12.

COALS: Buraakur 14-5 ex-div. Central India 4-15 New Manbhoom 23-12 Searsole 8-5 Talcher 3-1 Equitable 44-12 ex-div. Western Bengal 5-8.

JUTES: Anglo India 213 Bally 232 Barnagore 223 Belvedere 255 Howrah 29-6 National 24-3 Nuddea 72-8 Presidency 6-4 India 159 Kinnison 204 Megna 129.

ENGINEERING: Britannia Building and Iron 4-6 S Lot Indian Iron 30-9 Marshalls 7-8 Steel Corp. 21-8 Ditto Pref. 121-8 S Lot.

MISCELLANEOUS: Burma Corp. 3 Indian Copper 2-5 Sone Valley Cement 6-5 Calcutta Electric 15-14 Alluminium Corp. 4-10 Angelo Bros. 23 Bharat Airways Ord. 3 BIC 8-14 Calcutta Trams 16-12 S Lot F and C Osler 5-3 Indian Wood Products 35-2 Jardine Henderson 150 National Tobacco 21-8 British Burma Petrol 1-10 India Steamship 7-2.

SUGARS: Buland 10-4 S L Carew and Co. 7-10.

TEAS: Batell 15-4 Central Cachar 100 Dauracherra 9-6 East India 18-12 Hansqua 20 Hattikhira 13 Huldibari 27-12 Jutlibari 11-14 Killcott 24-8 Patrakola 190 Rajabhat 15-6 C T.

LONDON BULLION

LONDON, May 2.

London Silver both Spot and Forward ..... 63 pence
Gold Bars Fine per oz. £12-8-0

RESERVE BANK

Weekly Statement

The following is the statement of the Reserve Bank of India for the week ending April 28 last:—

ISSUE DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES

Notes held in the Banking Department Rs. 21,75,37 000, Notes in circulation Rs. 1184,59,11,000, Total Notes issued Rs. 1206, 34,48,000, Total Liabilities Rs. 1206 34,48,000.

ASSETS

A. Gold Coin and Bullion:—(a) Held in India Rs. 40,01,71,000, (b) Held outside India .... Foreign Securities Rs. 650,34,38,000, Total of A Rs. 690,36,09 000, B. Rupee Coin Rs. 55,71,21,000, Government of India Rupee Securities Rs. 460,27,18,000, Internal Bills of Exchange and other commercial Paper .... Total Assets Rs. 1206 34,48,000.

BANKING DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES

Capital paid up Rs. 5,00,00,000, Reserve Fund Rs. 5,00,00,000,

Deposits:—(a) Government (1) Central Government Rs. 133,37,12,000 (2) Other Governments Rs. 27,26,56,-000, (b) Banks Rs. 51,54,22,000 (c) Others Rs. 61,12,02,000,. Bills Payable Rs. 5,09 81,000, Other Liabilities Rs. 15,79,06,000, Rupees 304,18,79,000.

ASSETS

Notes Rs. 21,75,37 000, Rupee Coin Rs. 12,93,000, Subsidiary Coin Rs. 1,98,000.

Bills Purchased and Discounted:—(a) Internal Rs. 1,39,50,000 (b) External .... (c) Government Treasury Bills Rs. 1,95,63,000, Balances held abroad Rs. 198,31,76,000 Loans and Advances to Governments Rs. 4,16,00,-000, Other Loans and Advances Rs. 10,32,45,000 Investments Rs. 60,48,70,-000, Other Assets Rs. 5,64,47,000, Rpees 304,18,79 000.

Madras Share Bazar

MADRAS, May 3, (PTI): Following are today's quotations in the Madras Stock Market:—

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA LOANS: 3 per cent Paper 96/15; ditto 1986 96-15; ditto 1970/75 99/13; Government of Travancore Loan 3 per cent 1952/54 101/12; Government of Madras Loan 3 per cent 1960 100/4.

BANKS: Travancore 14/2.

PLANTINGS: Chembra 5/7/6; Devashola 16; Midland 5/7; Nelliampathy 1/5; Ouchterlony 6/13; Pullangode 1/8/6; Thirumbadi 2/3/9; T. R. and T. Co. 5/2; Vaikundam 7/10.

TEXTILES: Bang. Woollen 230; Buckingham 138; Pref. 188; Cambodia 11/14; Coimbatore Cm. 137; Pioneer 119; Spg. 52/8; Lakshmi 74/8; Madura 86/14; Mettur 330; Radhakrishna 197/8; Rajalakshmi 73; Ranga Vilas 56; Trav. Rayons 3/15; Trichinopoly 10; Vasanta 110.

MISCELLANEOUS: Andhra Cement 70; F.A.C.T. 5/3; India Cement 17/14; Indian Steel Rolling 5/3; Mettur Chem. 5/7; Mysore Chem. Fert. 7/10/6.

Increased Selling Pressure In N.Y. Cotton Market

WALL STREET EASY AFTER EARLY STEADINESS

NEW YORK, May 2.

Prices drifted irregularly lower on increased liquidation and hedges in nearbys and scattered profittaking and local selling in new crops. The pressure was induced by the issuance of 46 May notices, large spot sales in the primary markets and reports of light to heavy rains in Texas. New crops, however, continued to meet some commission house demand while scale down mill buying was centred in old crops. The declines were extended in the afternoon, the market closing barely steady reflecting additional profittaking and hedges with the latter believed to be either against loan withdrawals or purchases in the spot market Some selling was attributed to moderately favourable weekly weather report and easiness in securities. Sales approximated 110,000 bales.

Two cotton exchange seats were sold for 6,500 and 7,000 dollars compared with 6,200 previously.

NEW YORK COTTON

May	32.62—08
July	32.76—12
October	31.53—10
December	31.38—08
Middling spot	33.37—08

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

May	32.41
July	32.57—09
October	31.48—13
December	31.30—17
Middling spot	32.40

New York Cotton October highest 31.62 at 10-10 a.m. Lowest 31.53 at 12-02 hours.

WALL STREET MARKET

Many buyers stepped aside to allow a correction after Monday's new peaks and following general motors failure to declare more than the usual quarterly 1-1/2 dollars dividend despite the excellent first quarter results. Initial mild improvement was quickly converted to losses mostly upto a dollar but pressure was never heavy The averages were industrials 215.38 and rails 56.77 While rails attained a new year's peak average.

In the afternoon this failed to stimulate others much. Prices on balance were only narrowly higher. Atchison issues were aided by predictions that earnings will probably continue above 1949 The news that the House Ways and Means Committee has rejected the Presidential request for a ten percent manufacturers excise tax on televisions hardened such shares but follow through support was lacking Sellers latterly turned the pressure on televisions and declines spread to rails but other sections met only moderate selling The market closed easy.

NEW YORK STOCKS

NEW YORK, May 2

American Telephone and Telegraph	157 1/2
Amerex Holding Co.	35 3/4
Anaconda Copper Mining	30 3/8
Chase National Bank	37 3/8
Firestone Tyre	59 1/4
General Electric	48
General Motors	85 1/2
Ingersell Rand	68
International Nickel	26 1/4
National City Bank	46 1/2
New York Central Rail Road Co.	14 3/8
Sinclair Oil Corporation	25 1/8
Socony Vacuum Corporation	17 5/8
Texas Corporation	65
Union Carbide	47 1/4
U. S. Smelting and Refining	34 1/2
U. S. Steel Common	32 7/8
Western Union	26

The total number of shares which changed hands during the day was 2,250,000. The highest and lowest U.S. Steel trading prices were 33 1/4 and 32 3/4 respectively.

CHICAGO GRAINS

Prices fluctuated over a wide range in heavy dealings reflecting alternate flurries of profittaking on the one hand and commission house replacement buying and short covering on the other. Selling of wheat at the outset was prompted by further beneficial rains in the south-west and indications that producers were offerings wheat slightly more freely. Reports of freer country offerings of maize also tended to depress that cereal.

CHICAGO WHEAT

CHICAGO, May 2.

May,	2.31-1/4
July	2.18-3/8
September	2.17-1/2
December	2.18-1/2

N.Y. SILVER SALES

NEW YORK, May 2.

SILVER.—Buyers showed more interest as a result of the recent decrease in offerings in the open market and sales approximated 150,000 ounces at unchanged 72 cents per ounce.

Red Dean Decries Thought Control In Australia

KARACHI, May 3, (PTI-Reuter).

DR. HEWLETT JOHNSON, the Dean of Canterbury, said here last night that he was "very sorry to see that Australia was one of the first countries of British origin to go back on traditions of freedom and of personal liberty in favour of thought control and political persecution."

Dr. Johnson, who is here on his way back to London from his Australian tour, was commenting on the proposed Australian legislation to outlaw the Communist Party of Australia.

Referring to the recent meeting between the Prime Ministers of India and Pakistan, the "Red Dean" said he was happy to hear that the two nations had "decided to live together in peace" and wished them "every success".

Dr. Johnson, who is shortly to visit Canada, said he had not been allowed to go there via the United States route because of the "golden curtain" which did not permit a British subject travelling on a British aircraft to go from one Dominion to another just because the aircraft had to touch American soil for refuelling.

Speaking about Soviet Russia, the Dean said: "While we are lowering our standard of life in the west, Russia is raising it in the east" He added the United Nations year book had "quite a lot to say about Russian progress and brought out the great economic difference between East and West".

KARACHI COTTON MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, May 3.

Cotton market steadier owing to good demand.

Yesterday's spot sales 5,000, exports 2,495 bales for Liverpool and Continental ports.

Local stocks estimated 4,15,000 of which 1,40,000 bales unsold.

Cottonseeds steadily held.

Wheat prices in Sind have weakened to six rupees per maund of 84 lbs., owing to new crop movement and absence of outlet.

Current quotations, Cotton s + rollered NT 72/8, Punjab 289 F 74/4, Fourf 71, Cottonseeds NT ready 6/3. June 6/6/6. Gold 100/4.

Ahmedabad Share Bazar

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, May 3.

Market observed a reaction.

Fluctuations:

Calico opened 268 lowest 263/12, Arvind opened 796 lowest 789, Ambica opened 3/3/8 lowest 322/- Deferred opened 1,729 lowest 1,712.

Closing quotations:

Calico 264, Arvind 790, Ambica 322, Deferred 1,712, Ashok 362/8, New Shorrock 605, New National 367/8, Nutan 498/12, Ramkrishna 181/4, Sarangpur Cotton 1,455.

SHIPPING NEWS

s.s. "Jalamanjari" from U.K. Continent on 8th May 1950.

s.s. "Jalakanta" from U.S.A. with general cargo on 12th May 1950.

T. s.s. "Jalazad" from U.K.-Continent with passengers, mails and general cargo on 12th May 1950.

CONTINENTAL BOURSES

PARIS, May 2.—Although the bourse was quiet, the upward movements were resumed. Leading industrials, bankings and minings were sought moderately in forward dealings, while occasional buying in Suez resulted in improvements. Cash trading saw limited movements with a steady undertone while French Rentes were mixed but with a predominance of gains. Among internationals, Canadian Pacific and Riotinto advanced under sustained offtake, Brazilians continued to progress, while Yugoslavs were in such demand that they could not be quoted.

BRUSSELS.—The bourse was irregular and quiet. Canadian Pacific gained 12-1/2 francs to 845 on good March net earnings while Tanganyika finished at 144 against 145. Rubbers were steady but movements were narrow. In cours uniques, trading was slow with limited declines while groupes dealings were almost stagnant.

AMSTERDAM.—The Bourse was narrowly irregular in slow trade with the Indonesian situation giving rise to no optimism. Plantations were inactive but were well maintained, shippings were easier and internationals firmer.

LONDON COPRA MARKET

LONDON, May 2.—The Copra Market was quietly steady. Phillipines bulk May/June was offered at 217-1/2 dollars and Straits Dutch East Indies fair merchantable delivered weight at £88-1/2 both per ton C.I.F.

The coconutoil market was quiet. Straits in drums quoted at £130-1/2 and in bulk at £127. Ceylon in drums at £139 and in bulk at £134 per ton C.I.F. May/June shipment.

LONDON STOCKS

LONDON, May 2.

2 1/2 per cent British Consols	£68 3/4
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan	93
4 per cent Funding Loan 1960/90	105 7/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan on or after Dec. 1st 1952	91 5/16
Chartered Bank of India	9 3/6
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank	78
National Bank of India	32 1/8

Transaction on the London Stock Exchange are officially placed at 6,972.

LONDON PEPPER EASY

LONDON, May 2.

The Pepper market was quiet and easier. Black Lampong, May/June, was offered at 10sh. 6d. and White Muntok at 15sh. 10d. shippingweight with White Sarawak at 16sh. 4d. delivered weight per pound C.I.F basis ports. Malabar May/June and June/July were obtainable at 1,120 sh. against bid of 1,110 per cwt. C.I.F. United Kingdom

NEW YORK PEPPER MARKET

NEW YORK, May 2

The Pepper market was steady with spot offered at 144 cents. Some dealer interest was noted but grinders remained out of the market. The prices were: Black Pepper spot 1.44 asked.

OLD CONTRACT: May 1.41 nominal, June 1.41 nominal, July 1.39 nominal, September 1.39 nominal.

NEW CONTRACT: May 1.41 nominal, June 1.41 nominal, July 1.39 nominal, September 1.39; White Pepper spot 2.45 nominal.

Retrial Of Reds In Hyderabad

FURTHER APPEALS AGAINST CONVICTIONS

HYDERABAD, May 1.

(From Our Correspondent)

Today the Vacation Bench of the Hyderabad High Court ordered Retrial of two more Telengana (Communist) Murder Cases on the ground that the trial had been illegal and the rights of defence had been denied to the accused. The names of the accused in these cases are Jagan Mohan Reddy, Sriramgam, Siva Reddy, Sathi Reddy, Mudiva Venkulu and Kunti Gowndla. Mr. D. Latifi, Bar-at-Law appeared for the accused. Mr. Mohd. Mirza for the Prosecution.

The same Bench dismissed the appeal of Nilla Narsimloo and Lumbadi Durgiah against a sentence of 3 years' rigorous imprisonment passed by the Special Tribunal in Criminal Case No. 26/49: CA N. 281/282

DEATH SENTENCE CASE

Arguments were heard in the appeal from death sentence imposed on Amboti Narsiah, Murhari Rao Mada Malliah, Mada Narsimma and Danda Kishtiah, by the Special Tribunal "A" for the alleged murder of one Chandriah of village Ogdu on 14-10-48. Defence Counsel D. Latifi Bar-at-Law stressed the unsatisfactory nature of Prosecution case. The First Information had been filed no less than 6 months' after the alleged murder and even then the Challan took another 3 months' to complete on 5-3-49. In a serious case like murder this was inexcusable. Further although the accused had been in police custody since 7-2-49 he was never brought before a criminal court for remand nor was he told the nature of the charges against him until the trial before the Special Tribunal in September 1949. One month earlier he had been served with a warrant under this charge sheet. Mr Latifi stressed how all the Prosecution evidence was tainted The first three prosecution witnesses, the father, mother and brother of the deceased tell us quite a lot about the deceased and about themselves. They say in their evidence that the deceased Chandriah was murdered because at about the time of the Police Action on 30th September 1948 he took a large number of villagers to the Nizam's Police and filed loyalty petitions. Narsiah, brother of Chandriah, gives a culler account He says that about one month before Chandriah's death some Razakars visited the village and murdered four persons and so "to prevent further trouble myself and Chandriah took about 200 villagers to Nakrekal and there promised to cooperate with the Government" Mr. Latifi said these words were a euphemism for the ugly fact that after four of their fellow villagers had been murdered by the Razakars, these persons not merely refrained from complaining but went to the Razakar outpost to make submission Such persons would today to whichever party was in power, irrespective of their conscience They are totally unworthy of credit. Even apart from this, their evidence contains many improbabilities and contradictions The remaining two principal prosecution witnesses, according to their own story were participants in the abduction and murder, and it was "upon their responsibility" as the prosecution witnesses say that the accused let off Narsiah. These are self-exculpatory statements of accomplices in the crime which deserve no high credence Even in the Special Tribunal, one judge had acquitted all but one of the accused. While it was obvious that the convictions could not stand because the trial in the lower court was illegal, there having been no effort on the part of the Special Tribunal to secure to the accused their rights of defence by counsel, Mr Latifi urged that this was a proper case not merely for retrial but for acquittal of the accused Mr Mohd Mirza for the State replied to Mr Latifi's arguments Further hearing of this case was adjourned to 3-5-50.

LAST OF ITALIAN FASCISTS

ROME, May 3 (PTI-Reuter): Ex-Marshal Rodolfo Graziani, last of the great figures of Mussolini's Fascism, was last night sentenced by a Military Tribunal to nineteen years' imprisonment for collaboration with the Germans.

The court announced that the 68-year old Commander-in-Chief of Mussolini's "Last gasp" army in Northern Italy would be pardoned thirteen years, eight months of this sentence.

As he has already been in prison over four years, the sentence involved a further fourteen months' detention.

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PRAKASAM HEEDS NEHRU'S ADVICE

Disciplinary Action Not To Be Taken

NEW DELHI, May 3.

FOLLOWING the assurance of Mr. T. Prakasam, ex-Premier of Madras to "abide by the advice tendered by Pandit Nehru and Sardar Patel," the Congress Working Committee decided at its meeting today that the notices of disciplinary action against the Madras ex-Premier and his fourteen associates in the Madras Legislature might be withdrawn.

The following is the text of the resolution adopted by the Working Committee: "As Mr. Prakasam has agreed to abide by the advice tendered by Pandit Nehru and Sardar Patel, the notices of disciplinary action issued to him and other members of the Madras Legislative Assembly who have chosen to sit separately, may be withdrawn."

The implication of the Working Committee's resolution according to a spokesman of the Congress High Command, is that Mr. Prakasam has agreed to withdraw his notice of a resolution in the State Legislature making certain allegations against some Ministers and MLA's. He and his associates will also give up their demand for separate seats in the State Legislature.

This brings to an end the three-month old controversy in the Madras Congress.

The last meeting of the Congress Working Committee, it may be recalled, had asked Mr. Prakasam to show cause why disciplinary action should not be taken against him for tabling a motion in the Madras Assembly urging the appointment of a Select Committee to investigate certain allegations against some of the Madras Ministers.

The Executive Committee of the Andhra Provincial Committee thereafter sent a deputation to wait on the Congress High Command in New Delhi to explore means of a satisfactory settlement of the contemplated disciplinary action against Mr. Prakasam.

SITTING SEPARATELY

For the last two and half months, Mr. Prakasam along with 15 members of the Madras Legislative Assembly, of whom five had withdrawn, were sitting separately in the Madras Assembly.

In view of today's decision of the Working Committee. Mr. Prakasam is expected to resume his old seat in Madras Assembly when he attends the Assembly next.

"I am extremely happy," said Mr. Kala Venkata Rao, Congress General Secretary, when approached by the United Press of India about his reactions to this decision of the Congress Working Committee today.

The Congress Working Committee, it is understood, has also decided that in view of the fact that the West Bengal Provincial Congress Committee has not made arrangements to fit in with the schedule of the Congress elections and in order to avoid the possibility of the whole province being unrepresented, the Congress General Secretary, Mr. Kala Venkata Rao, is authorised to hold elections in all those districts where it is possible to do so, in order that the delegates may be enabled to attend the next session of the Congress.

The West Bengal P.C.C., it may be recalled, was expected to finish their primary Panchayat elections by the end of May, 1950.

In this connection, it is reliably understood, that Mr. Kala Venkata Rao, Congress General Secretary, will visit Calcutta within a fortnight to conduct such elections.

The Working Committee further decided today to instruct all the Provincial Congress Committees not to institute proceedings of disciplinary action against any member of the Congress till the elections to the Congress delegates are all over.

The Working Committee, which resumed its third sitting this morning, at 8-30 a.m. at the residence of Sardar Patel, adjourned 'sine die' after about an hour's deliberations. Only seven members of the Committee, namely, Pt. Nehru, Sardar Patel, Maulana Azad, Mr. Rafi Ahmed Kidwai, Mr. Gokulbhai Bhatt, Mr. Kala Venkata Rao and Prof. N. G. Ranga, attended today's meeting.

PRAKASAM'S CASE SURPRISES THEM

U. P. Rebel Leader's Statement

LUCKNOW, May 3 (PTI): Mr. Triloki Singh, leader of the newly formed Peoples Congress Party consisting of 'Congress rebels' in U.P. Legislature, today expressed 'surprise' on the Congress Working Committee decision to withdraw notice of disciplinary action against Mr. T. Prakasam, former Premier of Madras and his associates.

Mr. Triloki Singh said in an interview "I am surprised that the Congress High Command has treated the Prakasam case in a different manner.

"It seems after the U.P. expulsions the High Command has come to realise the gravity of the situation and decided not to dispose of such matters with a technical bent of mind."

He said that Mr. Prakasam "had defied the high command and had challenged the findings of the enquiry conducted by no less a person than Dr. Rajendra Prasad, and later endorsed by Pandit Nehru and Sardar Patel". Mr Prakasam had also made his charges public and got a separate seat allotted for his group in the Assembly.

MADRAS MINISTER GLAD ABOUT IT

Prakasam Episode

MADRAS, May 3 (U.P.I.): "I am glad to hear that the Congress Working Committee has decided to withdraw the disciplinary action notices served on Mr. Prakasam and his supporters", said Mr. N. Sanjeeva Reddy, Minister for Prohibition, when the decision of the Working Committee was conveyed to him by the United Press of India today.

Mr. Sanjeeva Reddi added: "I hope that Mr. Prakasam will not any more raise such issues and unity will be maintained in Congress ranks."

MAKE THE PACT A SUCCESS

Shri D. N. Mukerjee's Appeal

NEW DELHI, May 3.

It is the duty of citizens of both India and Pakistan to exert themselves to the utmost for the proper implementation of the Nehru-Liaquat Agreement, said Shri Dhirendra Narayan Mukherjee, Chief Whip of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly and member of the Minority Commission, West Bengal, in a radio talk from A.I.R., Calcutta.

Shri Mukherjee said that the failure of the Agreement was fraught with dangerous consequences and it was, therefore the duty of every citizen to make the Agreement a success. "Let us follow our national leaders calmly and steadily. That way lies our individual and national well-being. Let us be worthy of our traditions", he added, appealing to the people to implement the Agreement in letter and spirit.

Shri Mukherjee traced the events leading to the meeting of the Prime Ministers in Delhi and explained the various clauses of the Agreement.

Military Training For Kashmir Students

SRINAGAR, May 3 (PTI): Military training on U.T.C. lines will be given to college students in Kashmir State, according to an Education Department plan.

60 Million Have No Home

GENEVA, May 3 (P.T.I.-Reuter): The world has 60 million refugees —people barred legally and materially from ordinary human life and enjoyments—the International Committee and the Red Cross said yesterday in a call to Governments for aid.

M. Paul Reugger, President of the Committee, told a press conference "this most distressing figure" included some 16,720,000 refugees in Europe, many of them Volksdeutsche (people of German ethnic origin), M. Reugger said He estimated that there were about 900,000 refugees in the Middle East, 16 million in India and Pakistan, one million in Burma.

The homeless million in China and other Far Eastern countries were "mere guesswork", he added.

Extradition Of 'Turco' Demanded

NOTE HANDED OVER TO SINGAPORE

SINGAPORE, May 3 (PTI): Indonesia today applied formally for the extradition of Captain "Turco" Westerling, West Java rebel leader who has been detained in Singapore since last February.

On instructions from Djakarta, Dr. A. Detoyo, Indonesian Rrepresentative in Singapore, today handed an official note to the Singapore Government asking for Westerling's extradition.

Westerling, a Dutch wartime commando leader, is wanted for leading his "Army of the heavenly host" against the Indonesian Republican authorities in West Java last January when he seized Bandung.

Pak Assembly Prorogued

KARACHI, May 3 (PTI-Reuter):—The Governor-General has prorogued the session of the Constituent Assembly (Legislature) of Pakistan.

NO PLEBISCITE IN KASHMIR?

Nimitz's View

LAKE SUCCESS, May 2 (PTI-Reuter).

The long dispute between India and Pakistan over the state of Jammu and Kashmir may be settled finally by direct negotiations without requiring the services of Admiral Chester W. Nimitz as Plebiscite Administrator for the United Nations.

This is the conclusion which is emerging from certain recent moves and from talks with high authorities here.

In an informal talk with several correspondents today, Admiral Nimitz, appointed United Nations Plebiscite Administrator over a year ago, said that it was "not beyond possibility" that the Kashmir problem might be solved without any kind of plebiscite.

He said he was basing this view largely on certain statements made recently by Sir Mohammed Zafrullah Khan, Foreign Minister of Pakistan, in Karachi.

Though he was not prepared to go into any detail, he thought Sir Mohammed's statement was a clear indication that the dispute might be settled by direct negotiations between the two countries.

Admiral Nimitz made this statement on the eve of departing for his farm home in San Francisco where he was spending his retirement when the call came from the United Nations in March, 1949.

The United Nations said today that he would remain at his home "until such time as his services are required as Plebiscite Administrator in the sub-continent."

British Ship Radioes For Help

HONG KONG, May 3, (PTI-Reuter): The 565-ton British—registered ship "Sing Hing", intercepted by two Nationalist warships in Chinese territorial waters, has radioed Hong Kong for help.

The Sing Hing, carrying 30 Chinese passengers and a cargo of fertilisers, was detained on Monday as she was entering Amoy.

INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT'S MISSION BOYCOTTED

Rebel-Held Ambon Island Wants U N To Intervene

DJAKARTA, May 3, (PTI-Reuter).

THE world's latest "Republic", rebel-held Ambon Island in the heart of the Indonesian Archipelago, wants the United Nations to study its claims for independence from Indonesian Federation, according to an informed source here today.

The separatists, who have refused to admit Federal Government investigators to the Island, would discuss their future only in the presence of United Nations Commission, the source added.

The "Independent Republic of South Moluccas," proclaimed on the Island last week and now faced with punitive action by the Djakarta authorities, announced it also intended to appoint its own representative in the United States.

A federal Defence Ministry spokesman said here the rebels had told the Government mission aboard a naval corvette in Ambon Bay that they would neither visit them to discuss the situation nor receive them ashore.

REFUSAL

The mission's leader Dr. J. Leimena had contacted them by radio. His party, which is visiting other islands in the Moluccas group before returning to Macassar, East Indonesian capital, had learned that the military administration set up on Ambon had arrested federal republic supporters, the official added.

"The Indonesian Cabinet will decide whether punitive action is to be taken against the rebels after Dr. Leimena makes his report", he declared.

The Ambonese proclaimed independence from both the Federal Government at Djakarta and the East Indonesian State Government in Macassar, but Government officials here claim that only a "military section" of the population of the Island seeks separation from the rest of Indonesia.

RUSSIAN WAR AID VERY SMALL

Tientsin Evacuees' Impressions

HONG KONG, May 3 (PTI-Reuter).

Evacuees arriving here from Tientsin today in the American President Lines' ship General W. H. Gordon (17,707 tons) said Russia did not appear to have given war aid to the Communists on anything like the scale of American aid to the Nationalists.

Among the 900 people of 26 nationalities on board the General Gordon were 75 United States diplomatic and consular officials—the last out of China. The ship will drop her passengers here and at Manila, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco.

American passengers who declined to be quoted said Russian influence in Communist China appeared to be promoted more by the Chinese themselves than by any Russians, and that strong ties with Moscow were being encouraged as a deterrent to a third world war. There was war talk among both Communists and their opponents, they said, the Communists to keep up morale in the armies, and Nationalist sympathisers thinking wishfully that another war would oust the Peking regime.

NOTHING SHORT OF COTTON DECONTROL

Mr. Ruia Says Announced Policy Is Disappointing

BOMBAY, Wednesday (PTI).

MR. Madanmohan R. Ruia, President of the Cotton Buyers' Association, Bombay, said here today that there was hardly anything to enthuse over yesterday's announcement of the government of India's cotton policy.

"Considered from all angles, the announcement falls miserably short of general expectations of the trade" Mr Ruia told the Press. "I, for one, cannot understand how this policy can possibly help to solve the present situation, when it has been amply demonstrated by the trade, and also acknowledged by the mill quarters, that cotton control has failed to meet the requirements of the textile industry"

THREE PROBLEMS

Mr. Ruia who is also Vice-President of the Indian Merchants Chamber, Bombay, said Government had failed to deal effectively with the three problems of the raw cotton trade and the textile industry. The problems were: increased production to meet the minimum requirements of the domestic textile industry: sufficient price incentive to farmers to enable them to grow more cotton in preference to other secondary crops: and restoration of full-fledged trading activities in the spot and forward markets.

"The only realistic and easy solution of these problems would have been complete de-control of cotton", Mr. Ruia said.

If, however, the Government were apprehensive of the effects of such price de-control, it was at least essential to have so revised the present policy as to raise the existing level of ceiling prices at which cotton could easily be obtained by mills and the trade alike.

FUTURES TRADING

Mr. Ruia said in his opinion the futures trading was quite essential for the proper marketing of cotton in an endeavour to lower the cost of production, which would ultimately be beneficial to the interests of producers, consumers, and traders alike, by the hedging facility it provided.

"At present cotton business has become exceedingly difficult because of lack of hedging facilities, and the trade as well as the growers ultimately have to suffer", he said.

"It is true that the press note announces remission of land revenue and certain other measures for the benefit of the farmers in an effort to raise the cotton production, but I am doubtful as to how these measures by themselves, in the absence of a full-fledged trading activity, can help to achieve the objects underlying Government's policy.

"Altogether, on the face of what has been stated in today's press note, it would appear to be a half-hearted effort to deal with a serious situation facing both the cotton trade and the textile industry, and is therefore disappointing in the extreme".

FRIENDLY TIES WITH CHINA

Panikkar's Confidence

CALCUTTA, May 3 (PTI): Sardar K. M. Panikkar, India's Ambassador-designate to China, said here today that he was returning to his post with full confidence that the relations between the Governments of China and India would continue to be friendly.

Interviewed on the eve of his departure for Peking, Sardar Panikkar told the PTI that the People's Republic of China had made it clear that their policy in relation to other countries would be guided by the principle of respect for each other's sovereignty and non-interference in each other's affairs. This was also India's policy, he added.

India, he said, was the first country to be represented at Peking apart from the Soviet Union and the states of the Eastern bloc. "Our diplomatic relations with the Soviets, with Czechoslovakia and other states represented at Peking are cordial and friendly. Besides, I have no doubt that other Asian countries like Burma and naturally Britain, which has recognised the People's Government, will be sending their Ambassadors soon".

Liaison Mission In Tokyo

NEW DELHI, May 3 (PTI): Mr. V. C. Trivedi, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, has been appointed First Secretary of the Indian Liaison Mission in Tokyo, it is learnt.

Devdas Gandhi Sues "Blitz"

New DELHI, May 3, (PTI): It is understood that on behalf of the "Hindustan Times" as well as on his own behalf personally Mr. Devadas Gandhi, Managing Editor of the "Hindustan Times," has filed a suit of defamation against "Blitz", a Bombay weekly in the Bombay High Court in respect of certain articles published during the past two years in that journal.

FISH IN A HURRY

NEW DELHI, May 3 (UPI): At the instance of the Fisheries Development Adviser to the Government of India, the Railway Board is reported to have instructed the authorities of the East Indian, B.N. and E.P. railways to permit booking of fish spawn consignments at short notice by fast trains.

One of the main impediments in connection with Government's programme of intensive development of fish farming has been the difficulty of transporting to different parts of the country consignments of fish-seed which consists of delicate living creatures and any delay in the transport of which results in heavy mortality.

It is felt that the Railway Board's latest decision will greatly assist in increasing the production of fish from inland waters.

U. K.'s Floating Airfield

BIRKENHEAD, Cheshire, May 3 (PTI-Reuter): Queen Elizabeth today smashed a bottle of champagne to launch Britain's biggest "floating airfield", the 36,000-ton carrier Ark Royal, sucessor to the famous vessel torpedoed during the war.

The new Ark Royal, with jet planes and heavy naval aircraft stowed aboard, will be the most powerful single striking force in the British fleet. Her armament will include sixteen 4.5 guns and 57 other guns. The crew will number about 2,000.

IN A CHINA SHOP

By Taurus

WITH women, the giving of gifts is an exact calculation. Sometimes a gift is sent spontaneously; in fact, the first gift must have been like that. But then a series of movements is initiated which never stops unless the two donors (who are also the two donees) fall out.

Most women—and all that are among my friends—are very particular. By this I do not mean that, like my old uncle, they first roll the string round a pencil stub and fold the brown paper neatly before seeing what is in it, but that they set about fixing the probable cost of a present and working out how they can pay it back with a couple of rupees to their credit. This is not looking a gift-horse in the mouth but canning its price label. (Incidentally, I once knew a mean old man who used to leave the price ticket on and even change the figure to a much higher one himself before sending off his presents; and a still meaner old fellow who, receiving such a gift, took it to the maker's firm and checked upon the price.)

Men are not like that and for that reason women think that they are a self-centred, egotistic bunch. These nice calculations, these efforts to be always on the credit side, these competitions in gracious generosity, take the fun out of both giving and taking. Personally I am so convinced of the saw, 'It is better to give than to receive', that I am quite willing to let a friend occasionally, even if he feels like it often, have the better of me. Moreover, the satisfaction that having someone obliged to you is so great—I have experienced this myself sometimes but more often I have seen it on the faces of others—that it seems unfair to deny people the pleasure.

All things considered, the giving of presents is a luxury which in a social State should be made illegal. It has become so common nowadays that it has slowly encroached on the shadier practices of bribery and corruption and black-marketing. Besides, generally involving the giving of articles to persons who would not buy them themselves by persons who would not buy them for themselves, presents are an anti-disinflationary measure. In fact, if presents are intended for remembrances, then there is much to be said for the view that the cheaper and shoddier they are, the more will the donor be remembered. I know of a couple who received all kinds of presents on their wedding day. All of them are no longer remembered. But two months after their marriage they were invited to tea by an old friend of the family and presented with a photo-frame (plastic). 'That' they have not forgotten.

NEW REHABILITATION SCHEMES FOR DPs

NEW DELHI, May 3, (UPI).

THE Central Ministry of Rehabilitation today announced some new schemes for the rehabilitation of displaced persons who have recently arrived from East Pakistan.

One scheme relates to the resettlement of 3,500 families on tea garden lands in Cachar (Assam) involving an expenditure of Rs. 15 lakhs. These displaced persons will be settled through the Indian Tea Association, to whom an advance of money has already been made for this purpose.

The Bata Show Company authorities have agreed to take about 1,200 displaced persons in a year in six batches of 200 each.

For Orissa, the Government of India have under immediate consideration a scheme for the resettlement of 4,000 displaced families on land. In addition, another 400 families would be resettled in petty trades in rural areas.

SIX CENTRES

The Government of India have also under consideration the setting up of six work-cum-training centres where displaced persons would be given training in gainful vocations so that they can begin to earn their living in a short time. These centres would be in a position to train about 1,200 displaced persons

Four of them would be located in West Bengal, one at Silchar in Assam and one at Agartala in Tripura.

For the rehabilitation of urban displaced persons, an industrial rehabilitation board was formed some time ago. The idea is to get displaced persons admitted into factories which would be assisted with essential materials by the Government of India. An advance of Rs. 100,000 has been placed at the disposal of the board.

In Assam a relief and rehabilitation council was set up recently with the Governor as Chairman. While the State Government would be primarily responsible for relief and rehabilitation work, the Council would supplement Government's efforts in finding gainful employment for displaced persons. A sum of Rs. 100,000 has been placed at the disposal of the council.

Mazdoor Sabha Conference

3 SUB-COMMITTEES APPOINTED

HYDERABAD, May 3 (PTI).

The Working Committee of the Hind Mazdoor Sabha which met in Secunderabad this afternoon appointed three sub-committees, one to check up the credentials of delegates, another to consider the report of the General Secretary to be presented to the annual conference of the Sabha, beginning on May 5, and the third to draft resolutions to be placed before the conference.

The Drafting Sub-Committee which is meeting tomorrow morning is expected to consider resolutions relating to the labour and economic policies of the Government of India, the Trade Union and Labour Relations Bills, manifesto and the charter of rights and responsibilities of the Indian workers, the problem of unemployment in the country, old age pension, health, communal problem, housing, resettlement and rehabilitation of refugees, literacy and education with particular reference to vocational training for workers, Government employees and politics and the recent general strike of workers in Hyderabad State

The meeting which was presided over by Miss Maniben Kara was attended among other members by Messrs. Jayaprakash Narayan, V. B. Karnik, N. V. Phadke, Dinkar Desai, Peter Alvares, Vinayak Kulkarni, Asoka Mehta and G. G. Mehta.

Mr. N. M. Joshi and Mr. B. S. Mahadev Singh, President of the Hyderabad State Mazdoor Sangh were present by invitation.

13,643 CROSS INTO WEST BENGAL

CALCUTTA, May 3, (PTI): In the twenty-four hours ending at six a.m. today 13 643 Hindus crossed into West Bengal from East Pakistan and 5,149 Muslims left in the opposite direction, according to a press note issued by the West Bengal Government.

Cholera In Ranaghat

RANAGHAT, May 2, (UPI): Cholera and small-pox have broken out in an epidemic from in almost all parts of the sub-division. A number of deaths from the diseases are also reported.

Scarcity of good drinking water in some villages and inadequate arrangements are reported to be the cause of the spread of these diseases.

MUTT AND JEFF—This Is To Be Kind To Birds Day

By BUD FISHER

MEOW-W
MEOW
CICERO! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
THE CAT WON'T EAT THIS SO I HAVE TO PUSH IT DOWN HER THROAT!
WHAT IS IT?
BIRD SEED!
CATS DON'T EAT BIRD SEED!
MAYBE NOT-BUT I THINK SHE SWALLOWED OUR BIRD AND THE BIRD HAS TO EAT!
Fisher

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